



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

June 26, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed Legislative Language on Long-term Water Efficiency Standards

Dear Governor Brown:

I write in support of your proposed legislative language to implement the report titled "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" (Framework) and Executive Order B-37-16, which will provide an important framework for long-term statewide water efficiency standards and planning.

Over the last six years, you have worked tirelessly to guide Californians confronted with some of the most significant water challenges in recorded history. In Los Angeles, we joined you by setting ambitious targets in our Sustainable City pLAN to reduce our reliance on imported water and locally source 50% of our water by 2035. Continued water conservation is a key component of our long-term goals.

During this last historic drought, Angelenos reduced their water use by an additional 21%. Today, Los Angeles uses roughly the same amount of water it did 40 years ago, despite an increase of more than one million residents, and last year I signed the most stringent water efficiency building codes of any big city in the U.S.

The implementation of the framework to improve long-term statewide water efficiency is critical to cities like Los Angeles's efforts to further reduce our water usage. In state legislation implementing this framework, I urge you to support the following principles:

- Efficiency standards for indoor/outdoor residential water use, and outdoor commercial/industrial/institutional water use where dedicated irrigation meters are available;

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- An approach that acknowledges that all water should be used efficiently, including recycled water;
- Standards that encourage the use of climate-appropriate trees while protecting the health of established trees that provide multiple benefits to communities;
- A public process that includes engagement and collaboration with stakeholder workgroups to lead the development of guidelines and final long-term conservation standards; and
- Protections for established water rights.

Thank you for considering these important issues and for your leadership for the future of all Californians. This letter reflects the support solely of its author.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti", with a horizontal line extending to the right and a small flourish at the end.

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Mayor