



CITY OF OCEANSIDE

March 5, 2020

The Honorable Mike Levin
U.S. House of Representatives
1626 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for H.R. 3723, the “Desalination Development Act”

Dear Congressman Levin,

On behalf of the City of Oceanside, I'm writing to applaud your vision in introducing the “Desalination Development Act,” H.R. 3723. The City supports the additional cost-shared funding that would be provided by the Act, as well as prioritization for projects in drought-stricken areas and that reduce reliance on the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta in our state.

The City has been in the process of developing new desalination projects that can provide a significant portion of our water supplies while reducing our reliance on imported water supplies from both the Central Valley of California and the Colorado River. Both of these sources of imported water supplies are either experiencing extreme drought conditions or water shortages due to oversubscription of a finite resource. H.R. 3723, if enacted, would help immensely in our efforts to develop these water supplies. As you know, desalination projects are expensive to develop and construct, but we believe our projects are financially sound and affordable for our ratepayers. Continuing and improving on federal cost-shared desalination programs, such as the one provided by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, as does H.R. 3723, will help keep our desalination project even more affordable for our ratepayers well into the future.

Again, we thank you for introducing H.R. 3723, the “Desalination Development Act” and we offer our support for the Act's enactment in the 116th Congress. Please do not hesitate to contact me or our City Manager Deanna Lorson at 760-435-3055 if you need further information or have questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Weiss
MAYOR

cc: Oceanside City Council
Cari Dale, Oceanside Water Utilities Director