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Subject: Letter of Support for METRO Orange Line Water Infiltration and Water Quality Project

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is pleased to express support for the METRO Orange Line (MOL) Water Infiltration and Water Quality Project (Project) for consideration to the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) Call for Projects Round two.

LADWP strongly supports multi-benefit opportunities and partnerships in projects that help achieve increases in stormwater capture, groundwater recharge, water quality, and community improvements. The Project will provide fast and reliable ridership to disadvantage communities, enhance pedestrian safety, provide significant water quality and water supply benefits, as well as support the transition to electric bus operations at the MOL. This Project will assist LADWP in achieving its long-term local supply strategies and sustainability, through augmenting local groundwater supply in the San Fernando Groundwater Basin and improving the water quality in the Los Angeles River downstream. In addition, this Project aligns with the critical needs and priorities established within the SCWP guidelines and further contributes to the development of disadvantaged communities.

LADWP intends to be a funding partner with METRO for the implementation of the Project, once it is successful in receiving SCWP Round two funding. LADWP intends to provide up to \$11,088,000 for the installation of 168 drywells (\$66,000 per drywell) pending LADWP Board of Commissioners' approval. Additionally, LADWP understands METRO will be responsible for operations and maintenance of the aforementioned drywells, through their viable Project life.

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As a local advocate for stormwater capture projects that provide multiple benefits and long-term sustainability, LADWP strongly supports this Project and recommends that the SCWP award funding for the Project. LADWP appreciates your consideration.

If you have any questions about this letter of support, please contact Mr. Art Castro, Manager of Watershed Management, at (213) 367-2966.

Sincerely,



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