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Dear Burbank City Council Members & Staff,

We are writing to voice our strong SUPPORT for the CA Water Fix & Eco Restore item on tonight's Agenda as per Staff's recommendations, and ask our MWD Director Marsha Ramos to vote to support of these plans @ the upcoming Sept 26th MWD Board Meeting.

Last year we were able to join MWD Dir. Ramos and a diverse group of community leaders (including some of you) on a MWD Trip to the California State Water Project / Bay-Delta. We learned first-hand about the CA Water Fix via presentations from MWD experts like Stephen N. Arakawa who has presented before the Council, and Curt Schmutte. [ Story here: <https://iluvburbank.wordpress.com/2016/10/21/mwd-water-tour-with-marsha-ramos/> ]

The animation of what could happen to 1/3 of our water supply should contamination occur from a catastrophic Earthquake was enough to convince us that something has to be done NOW; We can't keep delaying and kicking the can down the road on this. We've all seen what happened in New Orleans & recently in Houston as a result of political in-action; In both instances City Officials were warned repeatedly that their levee & canal systems would not be able to handle a direct hit from a strong hurricane, but they did nothing. As a City completely dependent on outside water sources for our survival, doing-nothing is NOT an option, especially in our drought-prone State.

As some of you know I have opposed what I considered to be excessive Water Rate increases in the past. However the estimated costs to ratepayers for the CA WaterFix is just \$1.73 per month per household as per a recent report by the L.A. Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate (OPA). This is a small price to pay to ensure a reliable long-term water supply that's also ECO-friendly.  
[ <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1104192875327&ca=0ea9773a-f3ed-4704-87fb-8838271edf1f> ]

Many years ago, our City Leaders had the foresight to invest in a Reservoir project that some people opposed for various reasons; we didn't have the money, there was no compelling need now etc. That decision was proven to be very forward thinking as we went through the recent drought. We urge you to exercise the same type of forward-thinking leadership by joining our MWD Director, City Manager & BWP General Manager in your support for the CA Water Fix & Eco Restore.

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