



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

January 29, 2024

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Majority Whip  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Katherine Clark  
Minority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray  
President Pro Tempore  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Pete Aguilar  
Democratic Caucus Chair  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Majority Whip Durbin, President Pro Tempore Murray, Minority Leader Jeffries, Minority Whip Clark, Democratic Caucus Chair Aguilar:

I write to reiterate my strong support for inclusion of \$310 million in the emergency supplemental appropriations bill or final FY 2024 appropriations package to address the Tijuana River crisis. I join President Biden, Senator Padilla, Senator Butler, the San Diego Congressional delegation, and state and local leaders representing the County of San Diego and 18 cities in Southern California urging you to include this critical funding.

The funds are needed to repair long-neglected infrastructure at the South Bay International Wastewater Plant—a federal facility on federal land. It is the federal government's responsibility to complete the capital improvements to the facility that are required to stop the ongoing harmful discharges into the

marine environment that are impacting public health, the local economy, and ecosystems and species in coastal communities.

Southern California communities have suffered from this crisis for far too long, impacting the lives and livelihoods of tens of thousands of people and U.S. Navy Seal special operation forces who train in those waters. Congress must act quickly to approve the President's proposal and provide this much needed, urgent funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California

cc: California Congressional Delegation