

September 28, 2018

Mr. Richard Iozzo
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Re: Comments in Support of the Adoption of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee Coordinated System Plans

Dear Mr. Iozzo:

The Metropolitan District (MDC) strongly supports the adoption of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) Coordinated Water System Plans from the Western, Central and Eastern WUCC regions.

Over the last two years a diverse work group including public and private water utilities, town officials, regional councils of government, state agencies, watershed associations and members of the public contributed thousands of hours of their time meeting monthly to develop the WUCC plans. The process to develop each plan allowed public comment during the development of each section, including the Water Supply Assessment, assignment of Exclusive Service Areas and the Integrated Report. This process has offered the clearest picture of the status of water supplies across the WUCC regions and begun the conversations needed to resolve the issues of today and prepare for the future. It is important to note that the state legislature directed the Water Planning Council to consider the WUCC plans in the development of the State Water Plan pursuant to Public Act 14-163, and this should further include consideration of the impacts of required minimum streamflow releases on available water supplies.

The completion and adoption of the Coordinated Water System Plans is not the end of the WUCC process, but the beginning of the next phase to implement the goals and recommendations within the plans. Continued support from the Department of Public Health (DPH), state agencies, WUCC members and the public will be needed to resolve the challenges outlined in the report, which include but are not limited to, improving redundancy by supporting regional interconnections between various water systems, the development of new water supplies/interconnections for areas with water quality issues such as East Hampton and the consolidation or interconnection of small community water systems.

The Drinking Water Section of the Department of Public Health was instrumental in initiating the WUCC process and supporting each of the regions in the development of their plans. Safe potable drinking water is a cornerstone of public health and the WUCC plans will be the foundation of safe

drinking water for the future of Connecticut. The MDC thanks DPH for their support throughout the WUCC process and for their continuous efforts to ensure that the residents of Connecticut have access to safe potable water.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of the adoption of the WUCC Coordinated Water System Plans.

Sincerely,



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