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Via email: water_climate_change@epa.gov

Re: Comments on Draft Report: *Looking Forward: Priorities for Managing Freshwater Resources in a Changing Climate*

Dear Federal Water Resources and Climate Change Workgroup:

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is an organization representing the largest publicly owned drinking water utilities in the United States. AMWA has been engaged in discussions of how to manage water utilities in light of climate change for nearly a decade. AMWA continues to be very interested in the work of the federal government to provide data, information and tools to help water utility managers plan for and respond to a changing climate change in order to become more resilient.

AMWA appreciates the opportunity to review the *Federal interagency Water Resources and Climate Change Workgroup National Action Plan Update*. The document is a thorough summary of progress and accomplishments and activities underway. It demonstrates the successes of federal agencies working together to address the challenges that a changing climate poses for water resources.

AMWA supports the recommendations and strategic actions detailed in the draft. AMWA encourages federal agencies to continue to work together to share information and leverage research funding to support the need for ongoing data collection, research and training in adaptation planning and decision support, including downscaling of climate models to local-scale areas.

AMWA appreciates how the workgroup has communicated with sector associations and other stakeholders about federal accomplishments and supports a continued collaborative approach between the federal government and its non-federal partners to support regional and local efforts for water resource managers to become more climate-resilient. We look forward to continuing to work with workgroup members and their federal agencies in this critical endeavor.

Sincerely,

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