



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON TODAY'S STATE-FEDERAL DELTA PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding a revised proposal by the Brown and Obama administrations to advance water system and ecosystem improvements in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

“Metropolitan appreciates the exhaustive efforts of the Brown and Obama administrations to identify a comprehensive solution in the Delta that both restores habitat and provides for reliable water supplies for California. Our State Water Project supply is at risk long-term if California does not confront this challenge and take decisive action. We will thoroughly review with our board this new proposal to advance the modernization of the Delta water system and restoration of the ecosystem on separate, but coordinated tracks. Metropolitan has long stood ready to invest in a Delta solution that works for both the environment and California economy. Any successful final plan must do both.”

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving nearly 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.