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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON RECIRCULATED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR DELTA SOLUTION

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issued the following statement on the recirculation of state and federal environmental documents providing new information on proposals to modernize the statewide water system in Northern California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

“We are reaching the end of a long, winding road. Metropolitan and other public water agencies have invested nearly a quarter billion dollars in this process because California simply had no other plan to reliably deliver water to two-thirds of California and to restore the Delta. Today represents the last planning milestone before producing a final plan for Metropolitan and the other agencies to consider. We applaud the bold leadership of Governor Brown in pursuing this necessary project. A million hours of planning must result in a final plan that is good for the California economy and environment. Everyone loses with the continued status quo.”

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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.