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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT FOLLOWING WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT VOTE ON CA WATERFIX PARTICIPATION

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement following the Westlands Water District Board of Directors vote on California WaterFix:

"California WaterFix has long been envisioned as a partnership between urban water agencies and agriculture. It was clear that this would be a difficult vote for Westlands, as it is for us all. It's equally clear that actions must be taken to secure a reliable water supply for the state and to safeguard our economy. California must find a path forward from here that works for all of the partners."

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established 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.