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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR CALLING OFF DROUGHT STATE OF EMERGENCY IN MOST OF CALIFORNIA

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement on Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s [announcement](#) today ending the drought state of emergency in much of California:

"As he had throughout the state's drought emergency, Gov. Brown has once again demonstrated strong leadership in guiding California through unprecedented conditions. The governor, the State Water Resources Control Board and other state resource agencies showed extraordinary resourcefulness in bringing the state together to meet the drought's challenges.

"Gov. Brown's mandate that each and every Californian immediately reduce water use sent the right message that we are one state and that we can never take water for granted. Lowering water demand in Southern California was a big reason why this region managed the drought so effectively. This drought, however, was a wakeup call to re-examine all of our water uses and redouble the commitment to efficiently use every possible drop.

"Metropolitan helped set the water-saving example through our historic investment in turf removal and long-term wisdom of investments in resource management. To meet the state's long-term conservation plan, we will continue exploring and developing water resources that prepare the region for the future water challenges created by inevitable drought and climate change."

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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.