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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN ISSUES STATEMENT ON CALIFORNIA SNOW SURVEY, GOVERNOR'S DROUGHT EMERGENCY ORDER

Randy Record, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding today's Northern California snow survey by the California Department of Water Resources and Gov. Jerry Brown's Drought Executive Order:

"The governor's call to action matches the severity of the water situation facing all of California. Southern California has been taking the lead in turf removal during this drought, with Metropolitan's \$100 million ongoing rebate program. We applaud the call to remove additional turf throughout the state and ending the wasteful practice of irrigating ornamental lawns on street medians with potable water. It is time to stop watering turf that serves no function.

"We hope to partner with the state to immediately drive down water use throughout our service area. The Board of Directors will be meeting later this month to determine how to manage our available supplies in the coming year. While Southern California has added 5 million people in the past generation and at the same time decreased use of imported water, we realize that this drought requires dramatic action at this time."

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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.