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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON PROPOSED STATEWIDE OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement on proposed outdoor water restrictions approved Tuesday by the State Water Resources Control Board:

“Asking all urban areas to implement their own outdoor water restrictions is a tailored, effective next step in managing this drought. Curbing outdoor water use can create the largest savings, particularly during the hot summer months. This is the right next step at the right time.

“The state board proposal respects the different local approaches to conservation management and reflects the seriousness of a drought that has yet to end. Metropolitan’s water reserves are adequate for the coming months, but a continued drought will prompt even greater restrictions.”

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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.