



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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## METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT ON RELEASE OF DELTA VISION RECOMMENDATIONS

*Timothy F. Brick, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding today's release of recommendations by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force:*

“Delta Vision has provided valuable insight on how to end a piecemeal approach to the many challenges in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Metropolitan wholeheartedly agrees with the insistence on a comprehensive fix to stabilize the ecosystem of the estuary and to provide for a reliable water supply for nearly two-thirds of all Californians. A reliable water supply cannot happen long term without a more resilient Delta ecosystem and a smarter water delivery system.

“Now the task ahead is to make the goal of a comprehensive Delta solution a reality. Metropolitan believes that the Delta's health depends on restoring natural flow patterns within the estuary. Delta Vision's recommendation of a 'dual conveyance' system as the preferred direction would rely on a new water bypass as well as existing pumping facilities. Metropolitan agrees with the recommendation that improving Delta water conveyance and revitalizing the ecosystem should be pursued as rapidly as possible by the responsible agencies and departments, upon direction by the Governor.

“Conservation and regional water programs are bedrock principles of Metropolitan's long-term water plan. Southern California's 'new' water is not based on more Delta water than we've historically used, rather a more reliable delivery of that supply.”

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*The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 18 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.*