



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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## METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT STATEMENT ON DRAFT STATE WATER PROJECT RELIABILITY REPORT

*Timothy F. Brick, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding state Department of Water Resources release today of [delivery reliability report](#) for the State Water Project:*

“This sobering assessment of the state’s water situation serves as a reminder that, despite the recent rains, the problems in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta remain unresolved. Metropolitan believes that steps can be taken to provide reliability and restore the Delta and looks forward to working with the state. We face a new reality in Southern California that will require conservation each and every year in order to keep our supplies and demands in balance.

“Despite the state’s fiscal problems, there are ways to make progress. State and federal wildlife agencies, water agencies and environmental groups need to continue to work together on a new conservation strategy for the Delta. The state should commence feasibility studies of various new ways to move water supplies across the Delta.”

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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.*