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## METROPOLITAN BOARD CHAIRMAN ISSUES STATEMENT FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF AGENCY'S ETHICS OFFICER

*Randy Record, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding the tendered resignation today of Ethics Officer Deena Ghaly:*

"Metropolitan's Board of Directors unanimously accepts the resignation of the agency's ethics officer. I want to emphasize that the board continues to support a strong and independent Ethics Office. In fact, the ongoing review by outside counsel of the office's governance and related policies and procedures demonstrate that the board is committed to the office's important role and effectiveness."

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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.*