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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER'S STATEMENT REGARDING LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN PROCESS

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issued the following statement regarding Westlands Water District's announced withdrawal from participation in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan process:

“The Bay Delta Conservation Plan remains the best chance California has to frame a lasting ecosystem-water system solution for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The BDCP needs key leadership from the federal and state agencies in order for the solutions to be identified and brought to conclusion in a timely manner. Metropolitan believes that with leadership, a solution that meets the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration is very much achievable.

“Water districts stand ready to invest billions of their ratepayer dollars toward such a solution if they can regain reliable water supplies sufficient to support this level of investment. We share in the frustration that BDCP agencies have yet to embrace such a solution, but remain confident that additional technical work will help to identify a historic package of actions that the Delta desperately needs.”

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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.