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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER’S STATEMENT ON RELEASE OF DRAFT BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding the release of new draft chapters of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan:

“The effort to identify a comprehensive solution for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta has reached an important milestone. Today’s release of the initial draft chapters of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan provides important details on the strategy to couple much-needed conveyance improvements in the estuary along with important habitat restoration.

“While considerable work and many key decisions lie ahead, a significant project for the people and economy of California is taking shape. Metropolitan commends the efforts of Gov. Brown and his administration to advance a full proposal for federal review.”

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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.