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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER’S STATEMENT ON RELEASE OF FINAL CHAPTERS 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 final draft chapters of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan:

“Today’s release of the final chapters of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan completes the roll-out of the full preliminary plan for public review, marking a significant milestone in the BDCP process. Of particular note is an initial cost-benefit analysis which demonstrates the fiscal prudence of investing in a water supply and delivery system that will serve Californians for the next 50 years and restore the Delta’s fragile ecosystem. Metropolitan applauds the Brown administration for its leadership in keeping the process moving forward and ensuring the BDCP remains a top priority.”

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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.