Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding the release of a draft economic impacts analysis of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP):

“It is clear that a Delta solution that stabilizes water supplies for California and restores the estuary’s ecosystem would be a wise investment for California. This new and exhaustive analysis is more compelling evidence of how important it is for California to reverse the decline in the Delta with the kind of historic and decisive action envisioned by BDCP. While considerable work lies ahead to craft a final workable package, a better understanding of the costs, benefits and impacts of inaction is essential for an informed public discussion. Metropolitan applauds the Brown Administration for taking leadership in commissioning this additional economic analysis for the BDCP process. This project needs to move forward expeditiously to safeguard California's economic recovery and water supply reliability.”

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