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MWD GENERAL MANAGER’S STATEMENT ON GOV. BROWN ADMINISTRATION’S WATER ACTION PLAN FOR RELIABILITY, RESTORATION, RESILIENCE

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding the draft State Water Action Plan released today by the California Natural Resources Agency, California Department of Food and Agriculture and California Environmental Protection Agency.

“Gov. Brown’s Administration has come forward with a detailed road map on how to make progress on multiple water issues over the next five years. It recognizes that there is no single water solution, but a series of actions the state must take to continue providing safe and reliable supplies in an environmentally sustainable manner.

“Metropolitan appreciates the recognition that the supplies that move across the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta are a vital foundation for all of California. Reliable baseline supplies allow agencies like Metropolitan to build upon that foundation through further investments in conservation, water efficiencies and local supply development and expansion. Metropolitan applauds the leadership of the Brown Administration on this action plan to address the critical issue of water supply reliability for all Californians.”

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 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.