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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR GOV. BROWN’S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO INTENSIFY DROUGHT ACTIONS

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement in response to an executive order issued today by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to redouble state drought actions.

“Metropolitan is counting on enhanced conservation this year so that the Southland can maintain adequate water supplies in reserve for next year. Every effort to conserve water can add up to real and meaningful savings that can be called upon if the drought stretches into 2015. Metropolitan commends Gov. Brown’s efforts to make additional conservation actions an everyday part of California life. We also support his actions to streamline the regulatory process so that water can move to where it’s truly needed throughout the state this summer.”

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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.