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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 posting of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and related environmental documents.

“An important conversation about California water management and the real-life choices we face begins in earnest. The basics of a Delta solution are now on the table, with a full vetting of numerous alternatives. This is both a milestone and a reminder that the status-quo in the Delta is unacceptable for both the environment and the California economy. Metropolitan is grateful that the Brown and Obama administrations have advanced this process to a formal public draft which initiates the official 120-day comment period this Friday. Metropolitan pledges to work collaboratively with the administrations, fellow public water agencies and other key stakeholders to craft a final plan that addresses the co-equal goals enacted by the 2009 Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act legislation: restoring water supply reliability and enhancing the Delta ecosystem.”

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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.