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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER'S STATEMENT REGARDING STATE'S ANTICIPATED WITHDRAWAL OF DROUGHT DECLARATION

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issued the following statement today regarding the state's expected withdrawal of a drought declaration for California:

“The welcome storms this winter have eased short-term water management challenges as we continue to advance a historic long-term solution to the water system/ecosystem crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The additional water supplies, combined with tremendous conservation and water use efficiency efforts throughout the region, have allowed Metropolitan to significantly replenish its storage. Diamond Valley Lake, our largest reservoir in southwest Riverside County, is nearly full. Our member agencies have gone far and beyond the mandatory reductions we imposed nearly two years ago thanks to local water-saving efforts. The long-term challenges remain ahead of us, but the short-term conditions have improved considerably.”

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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.