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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON INITIAL STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement about the initial State Water Project allocation of 10 percent.

“This initial allocation is a reminder that it will take more than a few wet weekends to end California’s three-year dry cycle. While expected, this announcement reflects the seriousness of the statewide water situation.

“Thanks to investments by ratepayers over the years to increase our storage network, Southern California is in fairly favorable shape entering 2015, with considerable supplies still in reserve. We, however, must carefully manage our remaining reserves.

“Next week, our Board of Directors is scheduled to consider a revised water allocation plan that will allow Metropolitan to restrict supplies to its member agencies, if necessary. A vote to restrict supplies could happen early next year based on conditions. While Metropolitan won’t likely know until next spring the total amount of water available from Northern California in 2015, we are fully prepared and urge everyone to re-examine their conservation efforts.”

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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.