

*San Diego County Water  
Authority v. Metropolitan  
Water District*

September 10, 2010

# *SDCWA v. MWD*

## Summary of Case

- Filed June 11, 2010 in L.A. Superior Court
- Challenges rates adopted April 2010
  - Effective January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012
  - Based on 2001 rate structure
- Alleges transportation charges can't include:
  - SWP transportation costs
  - Water Stewardship Rate

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## Potential Impacts

- Seeks to shift approximately \$29 million in 2010, \$800 million over 20 years
  - Majority attributed to SWP transportation costs
- Shifted costs would be shared by other member agencies

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## Case Status

- MWD filed answer and amended answer
- Answers by “all persons interested” in the case were filed by August 20

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## Case Status

- Eight member agencies answered supporting MWD rates
  - Foothill MWD, Glendale, Las Virgenes MWD, LADWP, MWDOC, Three Valleys MWD, Torrance, West Basin MWD
- Imperial Irrigation District and Utility Consumers Action Network (UCAN) answered supporting SDCWA

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## Case Status

- MWD filed motion to dismiss IID & UCAN  
September 2
- Case will be transferred to “neutral” venue  
before proceeding
- Briefing/hearing not likely until 2011

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## Focus of Case

- MWD's focus is:
  - MWD's responsibility and discretion to set rates
  - MWD properly allocates costs
  - Rate structure complies with law and good public policy