



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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**METROPOLITAN CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD STATEMENT
ON GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S CALL TO DELAY WATER BOND ELECTION**
Timothy F. Brick, chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issued the following statement regarding Governor Schwarzenegger's direction to the Legislature to delay voter consideration of the \$11.1 billion water bond measure to the November 2012 ballot:

“Due to the challenging economic climate facing California and the state budget, Governor Schwarzenegger has asked the Legislature to work with him to delay voter consideration of the water bond until 2012. While this is disappointing after all of our hard work on the comprehensive water package passed last November, we understand the economic realities behind this decision. It is essential to keep the Bay Delta Conservation Plan on track to identify the conveyance and habitat improvements necessary to achieve California's co-equal goals of ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability for the Delta and the millions of state residents who rely on Sierra supplies. Metropolitan remains committed to working with the state and federal administrations on achieving a long-term, sustainable Delta solution to serve future generations of Californians.

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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.