

June 21, 2011

Mr. Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Kightlinger:

Bay Delta Conservation Plan, Metropolitan Delta Action Plan

As Member Agency managers of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, we wish to reaffirm our support for the ongoing Bay Delta Conservation Plan process as an essential component of long-term water reliability for our six-county region. We also express our confidence in the democratic process of the Metropolitan Board of Directors to ultimately decide whether to invest in long-term BDCP conveyance improvements.

Recent presentations by one Metropolitan member agency to legislators and State officials have raised the issue of whether there is in Southern California a "willingness to pay" for a reliable water conveyance system in the Delta as part of a plan that also restores the estuary. The long-term reliability of the State Water Project supply is at risk without long-term conveyance and ecosystem improvements. We support the on-going BDCP process to review a full array of conveyance alternatives in order to identify a defensible, cost-effective, scientifically based package of water system/ecosystem improvements. We express our complete confidence in the Metropolitan Board's ability to make a sound decision about proposed investments to fix the Bay-Delta and that Metropolitan's water rate structure will ensure a fair, cost-of-service-based allocation of costs among Metropolitan's member agencies.

Over the years we have supported Metropolitan's decisions to construct the Inland Feeder project, which has finished refilling Diamond Valley Lake in a matter of months; a "pay as you go" policy to limit the debt burdens on future ratepayers; and the new long-term Integrated Resources Plan that takes into account local necessary changes while emphasizing water use efficiency/conservation measures and cost-effective local supply development as the primary tools to meet future, increased water demands. These projects and policies have been of benefit to all agencies within Metropolitan's service area.

Through its Board-approved Delta Action Plan, we are confident that Metropolitan is on a path to considering water supply and financial issues relating to BDCP in the tradition it has fairly reviewed and deliberated previous key matters. We urge Metropolitan to continue its constructive engagement with BDCP and to use its Member Agency workgroup process to ensure full discussion, transparency, fairness and adherence to its underlying financial policy principles.

Sincerely,

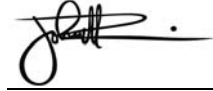
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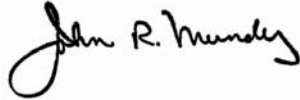
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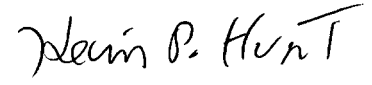
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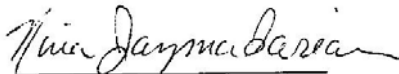
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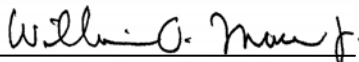
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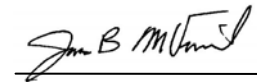
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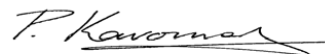
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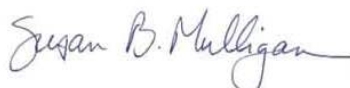
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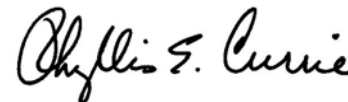
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