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METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER RELEASES STATEMENT ON RATE CASE TENTATIVE DETERMINATION BY SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT

Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, issues the following statement regarding the tentative determination and proposed statement of decision by San Francisco County Superior Court Judge Curtis E.A. Karnow in the ongoing rate litigation with the San Diego County Water Authority:

“Metropolitan is confident that its structure of charging all agencies the same rates for the same services is both logical and legal. This is one initial step in a very long process.

“Metropolitan has prevailed in previous challenges, including SDCWA's last challenge to Metropolitan's rates, in which an adverse lower court decision was reversed on appeal.

“We look forward to the coming steps in the judicial process to demonstrate that a rate structure that fairly and equitably recovers all the cost of delivering safe, high-quality, and reliable water is in the interest of all Southern Californians.”

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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.