



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

January 18, 2012

Metropolitan Water District Board Delegation
San Diego County Water Authority
4677 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123-1233

Dear Directors:

Request to Include Information in Report to Legislature

This letter responds to your letter to Chairman Foley and Members of the Board of Directors to request to include information in report to legislature, dated December 13, 2011.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) held a public hearing on December 12, 2011, at the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee of the Metropolitan Board, pursuant to MWD Act Section 130.5(c), to review its Urban Water Management Plan for adequacy in achieving an increased emphasis on cost-effective conservation, recycling, and groundwater recharge. Mr. Dennis Cushman, Assistant General Manager, of San Diego County Water Authority (SCWA), was one of five people who spoke at the public hearing. He also provided a copy of a report commissioned by the SDCWA and written comments. Two others submitted written comments. Metropolitan will summarize the oral and written comments in its Annual Progress Report to the California State Legislature on its Achievements in Conservation, Recycling and Groundwater Recharge (Progress Report), consistent with previous reports, and will make the written materials available upon request.

Your letter objected that a SDCWA PowerPoint presentation was not allowed to be shown during Mr. Cushman's public comments. Metropolitan staff, however, distributed hard copies of the PowerPoint presentation during the meeting. While we do not control the content of public comments in any way, Metropolitan has discretion to limit the time and manner of delivery of public comments.

Metropolitan's Annual Progress Report includes achievements in regional conservation (page 8 of the report), and recycled water groundwater recovery (page 14, 15 of the report) that have occurred both with and without Metropolitan financial assistance. In addition, the Metropolitan staff presentation at the beginning of the public hearing shows regional achievements both with and without Metropolitan's incentive programs. The conclusions presented in the draft report and during staff's presentation are consistent with the planning processes described in the Regional Urban Water Management Plan, and the Integrated Resource Plan.

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MWD Act Section 130.5 directs Metropolitan to report on its adequacy in achieving an increased emphasis on cost-effective conservation, recycling, and groundwater recharge and does not require Metropolitan to report on internal contracting policy associated with its programs.

Metropolitan has fulfilled all the requirements of MWD Act 130.5 and 130.7 for its annual report for 2011 and will be submitting the report to the Legislature by February 1, 2012. Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kightlinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Kightlinger" clearly distinguishable.

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

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cc: Metropolitan Board of Directors