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RE: Board Memo 8-1: Adopt resolution to continue Metropolitan's Water Standby Charge for fiscal year 2016/17 - **OPPOSE**

Chairman Record and Members of the Board:

While we do not oppose use of a water standby charge in the abstract, we vote NO on Board Memo 8-1 for the reasons stated in *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California et al.*, filed on April 13, 2016 in Los Angeles Superior Court (Case No. BS161729).

We also note that Board Memo 8-1 states that funds collected from the proposed Standby Charge will be segregated to ensure that they are used only for the purposes for which the Standby Charge was collected. We renew our request that Metropolitan manage all of the revenues it collects in this manner, in order to ensure the integrity of this aspect of its cost of service process. We have requested that Metropolitan adopt this or a similar practice such as "balancing accounts" on many prior occasions to track revenues collected for different services; clearly, this is something that Metropolitan is capable of doing should it choose to do so.

Sincerely,

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