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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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To: Member Agency Managers

From: Debra C. Man, Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer

Subject: Blend Changes at the F.E. Weymouth and Robert B. Diemer Treatment Plants

This email provides an update on the concentration of total dissolved solids (TDS) leaving Metropolitan's water treatment plants which blend Colorado River and State Water Project (SWP) supplies.

On October 19, the blending of SWP supplies at the Weymouth and Diemer plants was reduced from 20 percent to zero. As a result of this change, the TDS will increase from ~575 mg/L to ~670 mg/L.

On-going dry conditions and an expected initial low allocation of SWP supplies for next year require that we take this precautionary measure to conserve SWP supplies for areas of our system which can only receive raw or treated SWP (i.e., certain regions served by the Jensen and Mills water treatment plants). Blending in the Weymouth and Diemer regions will be resumed once the water supplies improve.

Your residential and industrial customers may notice the affects of higher TDS (or hardness) in their water (e.g., spotting on glassware, residual residue after washing cars, and use of more soap when washing or bathing). Your agency may want to consider notifying your customer service representatives.

We will provide you regular updates on the status of SWP supplies and will notify you when additional supplies are available and when significant SWP blend changes occur. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mic Stewart at 213-217-5696 or Jim Green at 213-217-7008.