



August 23, 2010

Timothy F. Brick  
Chairman of the Board  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
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Dear Mr. Brick:

### **SUPPORT FOR 2010 INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN UPDATE**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin), I wish to express our support for the 2010 Integrated Resources Plan Update (IRP Update) and urge the Directors of Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to adopt this important plan and re-affirm MWD's historic commitment to the region's water reliability under the Laguna Declaration.

We commend MWD for proposing an adaptive resource development plan that can achieve reliability goals through a "Core Resources Strategy" if all goes well, but can also change in response to future water supply uncertainties. These uncertainties can include Delta restoration, potential earthquake, and changing legal, environmental, and regulatory conditions that result in implementation risk. We agree that this risk can be mitigated through the development of the recommended "Supply Buffer" that avoids costly supply shortages through prudent investments in additional water use efficiency and local supply yield.

Finally, West Basin strongly supports MWD being afforded the flexibility to evaluate greater involvement in regional supply development through the formation of new partnerships, expanding financing options beyond providing incentives, and becoming part- or full-owners in local projects.

Sincerely,

Gloria D. Gray  
President, Board of Directors

cc: Jeff Kightlinger, MWD