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Timothy F. Brick
Chairman of the Board
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SUPPORT FOR 2010 INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN UPDATE

Dear Chairman Brick:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), I want to express our support for Metropolitan Water District's 2010 Integrated Resources Plan Update (2010 IRP). The 2010 IRP establishes the framework for the policies, projects and programs that will ensure that Southern California has an adequate and reliable water supply for our future residential, commercial and environmental needs.

We are encouraged that the proposed 2010 IRP is an adaptive resources management plan that can change in response to the many challenges and uncertainties facing our regional water supply – including climate change, Bay-Delta restoration and other environmental concerns, and potential earthquakes. We support the implementation of a reasonable supply buffer of additional conservation and local supply projects as needed to manage through these uncertainties.

We also agree that water supply reliability can be better achieved through collaborative efforts by Metropolitan and its member agencies, including West Basin Municipal Water District and the City of Torrance, and through regional partnerships amongst agencies and utilities. The 2010 IRP should continue to focus on these collaborative efforts as the region's economy, population, and supply reliability are all interconnected.

We urge Metropolitan's Board of Directors to adopt the 2010 IRP.

Sincerely,

Judith Mitchell, SBCCOG Chair
Councilmember, City of Rolling Hills Estates

cc: Jeff Kightlinger, MWD

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