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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I wish to express our support for the Delta Vision Committee's Implementation Report. Metropolitan's Board of Directors on January 13 voted unanimously to support the Implementation Report as a road map to achieving lasting solutions for habitat restoration, water conservation, water rights enforcement and water system improvements in the Delta.

Metropolitan is grateful for your leadership and the tireless efforts of your Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force to engage stakeholders and craft a Strategic Plan that served as the platform for the Delta Vision Committee to craft its Implementation Report. The co-equal goals that have been identified in the Delta Vision process – restoration of the Delta ecosystem and creation of a more reliable water supply for California – should serve as the key litmus test for proposals in the Delta for years to come.

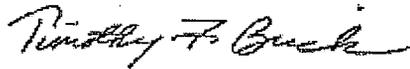
Metropolitan also supports your call for a 20 percent reduction in per-capita water use in California by the year 2020. The completion of the Bay/Delta Conservation Plan by the end of 2010 is absolutely essential because it will serve as the framework for pairing the necessary ecosystem improvements with changes to the water conveyance system. The new biological opinions and regulations for Delta smelt and longfin smelt reflect the inability to meet the co-equal goals of Delta Vision with the existing water system.

Metropolitan also looks forward to working with the Administration and the State Legislature to advance your Implementation Report. Metropolitan hopes to see legislation relating to water rights, fees and governance that are consistent with the Implementation Report.

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We look forward to working together on the comprehensive solution that the Delta and California so desperately need.

Sincerely,



Timothy F. Brick
Board Chairman

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