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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Ms. Jeanine Jones, Chief
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Dear Ms. Jones:

Comments on Draft Bulletin 160-98. California Water Plan Update

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) commends the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for its effort to date in its comprehensive assessment of California's water supply and demand situation as contained in the Draft Bulletin 160-98, California Water Plan Update (Draft Bulletin). Metropolitan supports the Bulletin 160 planning process whereby DWR assesses current and future urban, agricultural, and environmental water demands and statewide options to meet the projected demands. The document clearly shows that the State needs a balance of water demand management and water supply augmentation measures to meet its projected water needs and maintain its environmental and economic health.

The Draft Bulletin also points out that the CALFED program is a key component of the statewide water plan. Metropolitan, along with many urban and agricultural water agencies have been engaged during the past year in an intensive, facilitated process to assist CALFED in seeking long-term solutions for the water supply, water quality, and environmental problems of the Bay-Delta watershed. The Ag/Urban participants recognize that any sustainable CALFED solution has to achieve each of the four CALFED objectives, namely, water supply and reliability, water quality, ecosystem health, and system integrity. Metropolitan is encouraged that DWR recommends actions that can be taken by CALFED to develop new water supplies while achieving all the other objectives.

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Enclosed are Metropolitan's comments on the Draft Bulletin which Metropolitan would appreciate DWR addressing. If you have any questions or need clarification with respect to Metropolitan's comments, please contact Grace Chan at (213) 217-6798.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Debra C. Man

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**cc: California Urban Water Agencies
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