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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Executive Office

July 25, 2007

Ms. Song Her
Clerk of the Board, Executive Office
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Her:

Proposed Amendments to the California Ocean Plan

On behalf of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I am writing you regarding the proposed Ocean Plan Amendment, "Issue 10. Desalination Facilities and Brine Disposal."

Metropolitan's Integrated Water Resources Plan calls for a diverse resource portfolio to achieve water supply reliability. The portfolio includes substantial investments already made in conservation, water recycling, and groundwater desalination (SB-60 Report - attached), as well as future reliance on 150,000 acre-feet of locally developed seawater desalination. Metropolitan supports our local agencies in developing environmentally responsible seawater desalination supplies to meet this goal. At this point the proposed seawater desalination projects are in various stages of research, environmental testing, and permitting.

Metropolitan supports the Ocean Plan's goal of protecting the ocean environment and marine life with respect to ocean outfalls. The current plan already includes strict standards that all discharges, including brine from brackish water and seawater desalination, must adhere to, providing a high level of environmental protection with regards to brine discharges. In addition, brine discharges from urban uses have been successfully regulated by the existing Ocean Plan for years. For these reasons, we do not believe it is necessary to single out brine discharges as a distinct permitting category.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Ocean Plan amendments. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Warren Teitz in my office at (213) 217-7418.

Sincerely

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JK Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

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