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**Press Release:**  
**Secretary Laird Comments on WaterFix Vote by Metropolitan Water District**

SACRAMENTO – California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird issued the following statement regarding today’s decision by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to participate in the California WaterFix project.

“Today’s vote by Metropolitan Water District’s board members shows leadership and a commitment to the region’s water supply future. WaterFix is this generation’s opportunity to protect critical water supplies from certain decline. Metropolitan’s investment will provide water supply reliability for the region’s residents and economy.”

California WaterFix is a science-driven proposal to upgrade the state’s outdated water system and maintain a reliable source of water for 25 million Californians and more than 3 million acres of farmland in the Bay Area, Central Valley and Southern California.

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