

## PROPOSED MOTION

Prior to the April 30 Board meeting, we were provided with an informational letter on the status of implementation of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement and we have heard from Mr. Romney, the Congressional facilitator for implementation of the settlement, and representatives of the settlement parties at prior meetings. We have been asked by these representatives to support the Department of the Interior moving forward with preparation of environmental documentation for the proposed agreement. Also, prior to the April 30 meeting, Woody had provided us with a copy of the proposed agreement. Lending our support for preparing the environmental documentation would permit this effort to be concluded this year, yet would not commit our Board to approving execution of the proposed agreement. I believe it is appropriate that we act on this matter at this month's meeting. I understand that at the Colorado River Board meeting on May 7, the discussion on this matter centered on whether it is appropriate for the boards of the agencies with Colorado River interests to consider the request prior to the Colorado River Board considering the matter. The proposed agreement would provide a significant benefit to Metropolitan, the ability to bank water in Lake Mead, a right that we have had since 1931 but have not been able to use and is consistent with the Metropolitan's Integrated Water Resources Plan goal of maintaining a full Colorado River Aqueduct along with the other water management programs to meet the water needs of <sup>the MWD Service Area</sup> Southern California. As such, I move:


that the Board support the Department of the Interior moving forward with the environmental documentation for the Agreement to Facilitate Implementation of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act and that this action be reported to the Colorado River Board for its action.

APPROVED  
 By the Board of Directors of  
 The Metropolitan Water District  
 of Southern California  
 at its meeting held

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