

RESOLUTION 8502

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ADOPTING A POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR
PROPOSITION 204,
THE SAFE, CLEAN, RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY ACT

WHEREAS, all Californians depend on a reliable and affordable supply of high quality water for meeting public health requirements, as well as environmental and recreational needs; and

WHEREAS, a reliable source of water is necessary to fuel the state's \$750 billion economy, ensuring that businesses stay in California and attracting new business to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta serves as the heart of California's water system, providing water to two-thirds of the state's 30 million residents and irrigating 45% of the nation's fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Bay-Delta serves as the West coast's largest estuary, providing a unique habitat for more than 1200 species of fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the conflicting needs of people and the environment have "broken" the Bay-Delta, decreasing water supply reliability and degrading water quality; and

WHEREAS, restoring the Bay-Delta's habitat would maintain water quality and help alleviate state and federal regulatory pressures, ensuring a more predictable and reliable water supply for the State Water Project; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 204 would fund \$995 million for clean water and water recycling, water supply reliability, Delta improvements, the CALFED Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration Program, and flood control;

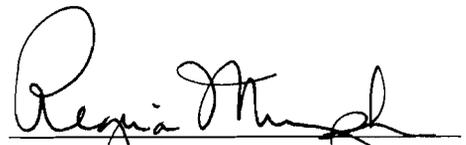
WHEREAS, a diverse group of urban, agricultural, environmental, and business interests has worked with the legislature to develop Proposition 204; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 204, a general obligation bond measure, would provide California's share that, together with federal matching funds, would help finance CALFED environmental restoration programs to restore a healthy Bay-Delta, which benefits the entire state's economic vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

That Proposition 204, *The Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act*, provides funding for statewide water improvements including CALFED environmental restoration programs which will be the first steps in laying the foundation for providing a long-term solution to the problems of the Bay-Delta; and on that basis hereby supports Proposition 204.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on August 20, 1996.


Secretary of the Board of Directors
of The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California