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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

REVISION 2

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To: Board of Directors (Committee on Legislation--Action)

From: *for* General Manager

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Subject: Oppose SB 1885 (Ayala-Chino)

RECOMMENDATION(S)

~~For information only.~~

At the Committee on Legislation the Committee revised the recommendation contained in revised Item 9-12 as follows:

Oppose SB 1885 (Ayala-Chino)

REPORT

At the meeting of the Committee on Legislation, the Committee directed the staff to inform the author and other appropriate legislative representatives that Metropolitan is presently engaged in several processes relating to governance issues. A fundamental underpinning of these processes is the recognition that local control, in particular, the recognition that the direct linkage between representation on the Board and the member agencies be maintained and that the input of the member agencies of Metropolitan is critical to all governance issues. Included among those processes are the engagement of former Attorney General John VandeKamp who is assisting the Board in evaluating various alternatives to the current size of the Board as well as the weighted voting methodology currently provided for by law. Additionally, the Board has retained Mr. John Carver to provide advice with regard to the overall manner in which the Board conducts its business. Finally, a new Strategic Planning effort is underway and the Board will soon be requested to retain a consultant to assist in the development of a new Strategic Plan. In light of the foregoing, the Committee voted to recommend that the Board oppose the bill at this time.