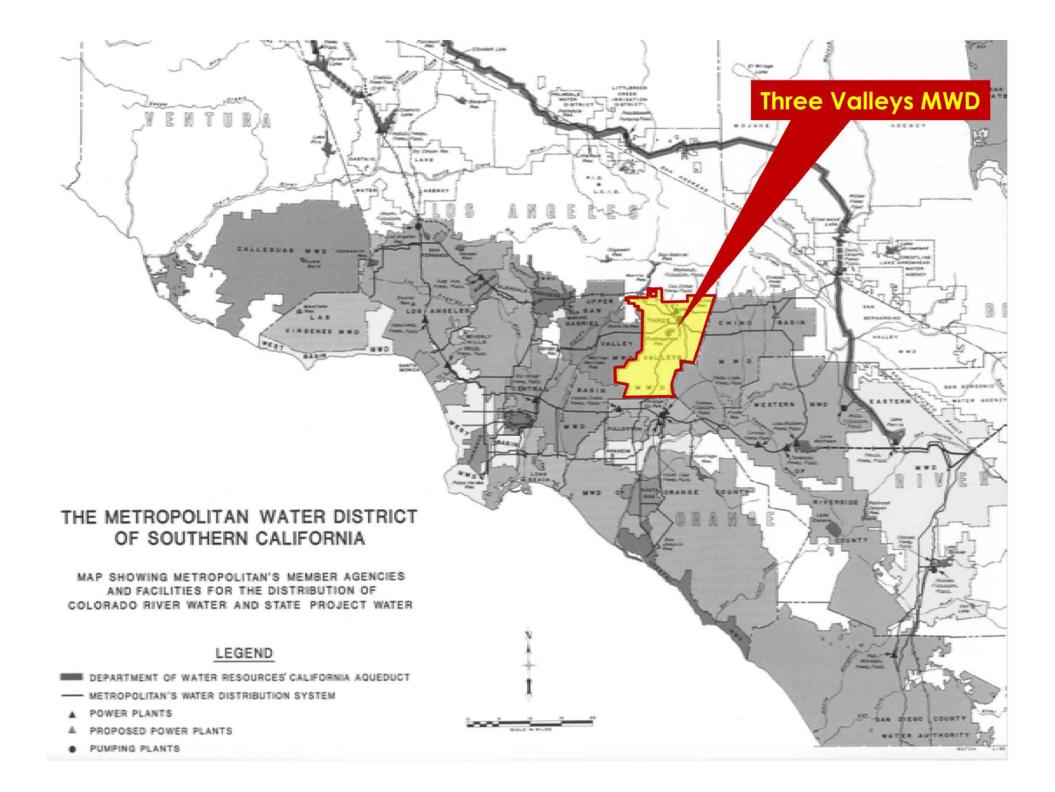
<u>MWD's Role</u> Past, Present and Future

Rick Hansen General Manager Three Valleys Municipal Water District



Three Valleys Municipal Water District

- Incorporated and joined MWD in 1950
- One of the first regions required to form a larger Municipal Water District prior to joining MWD
- Wholesale water agency
- Serving 13 retail water agencies
- Population of 600,000
- Imported water demands of 60,000 85,000 AF
- On average, 50% (0-100%) dependent on import supplies
- District has full range of water resources/programs: groundwater, surface, recycled, replenishment, imported, groundwater cleanup, conservation
- "Mini" MWD

Key Points

- Regional approach to water supply has been the hallmark of 80+ yrs of Metropolitan success – it should be the foundation of our future
- If we didn't have the reliable water supply, we wouldn't have the economy we have today
- Laguna Declaration provides the flexibility to develop regional supplies where ever those supplies may exist
- Changing Metropolitan to enable "choice" or "opt out" compromises regional solutions

Laguna Declaration

"provide its service area with adequate supplies of water to **meet expanding and increasing needs** in the years ahead. When and as additional water resources are required to meet increasing needs for domestic, industrial and municipal water, the District will be prepared to deliver such supplies."

"Establishment of overlapping and paralleling Governmental authorities and water distribution facilities to service Southern California areas would place a wasteful and unnecessary financial burden upon all of the people of California, and particularly the residents of Southern California."

The Laguna Declaration Works Today

- In 1952 we had about 11M residents today ~39M
- 2. Overall water demands have increased
- Under the Laguna Declaration we have responded with remarkable infrastructure & programs
- 4. Rates were unbundled in 2001 after interactive process with the members resulting in current methodology

Adaptive Management Has Essentially Characterized our Actions Over the Last Several Decades

Metropolitan and its Members had to adapt to:

- > Drought of 87-92
- > Wanger Decision
- > Quantification Settlement Agreement
- > Wheeling imperative
- > Water transfers
- Water quality concerns
- Local control concerns
- Groundwater contamination

Adaptive Management

- Provides for flexible decision-making that accomodates uncertainty
- Helps ensure supply reliability in an economical manner through "low risk, no regrets actions"
- We need to identify the optimal array of projects and programs to provide for regional reliability
- Then determine the appropriate agency roles and funding to implement projects/programs as various uncertainties either rise or fade

Adaptive Management

- Further diversify supply sources move to enhance Metropolitan's role to, where appropriate, own local supply (Enhanced Regional Model)
- Continue partnering/collaboration opt out discourages it. Metropolitan is stronger and more flexible with all agencies engaged and "at the table"
- The current IRP process should reaffirm Metropolitan's leadership role in providing for the region's long-term water supply reliability.

Laguna Declaration Demands an Enhanced Regional Model

- 1. Plan regionally to avoid rationing
- 2. Metropolitan should be involved in local project development
- 3. Enhanced Regional Model allows for adaptive management of risks

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Dear Chairman Brick:

ADAPTIVE INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN POSITION STATEMENT

The signatories below would like to share with the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) their perspective on Metropolitan's Integrated

Resources Plan (IRP), which is scheduled workshop. We believe that the appropr Southern California is one that allows ma water supply projects. The role must lev this end, we believe that any role that lir water provider is unworkable and again further work on this option would detract

There are a variety of uncertainties th "adaptive" IRP approach including:

- · Uncertainty and timing of cc improvements;
- Regulatory uncertainty;
- Climate change effects on supply
- Economic uncertainty affecting w
- · Level of penetration of conservati
- Litigation risk: and

· Cost escalation on project implem

We further believe that the appropriate should be developed first, followed by a and Member Agencies to ensure that tho

Specifically, Metropolitan should adopt a the following elements:

- · Hedges against uncertainty the Colorado River Aqueduct suppli climate change, hurdles in local st Provides Metropolitan the maxim
- uncertainty the IRP should not c Allows Metropolitan to consider a
- · Provides for local flexibility and technically or institutionally appre

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- · Develops resources and achieves reliability using a mix of resources that will meet multiple regional objectives (e.g., storage, reliability, water quality):
- Provides for project and program phasing that ensures flexibility in decision making;
- Empowers appropriate agencies to implement projects;
- Aggressively addresses short- to medium term reliability challenges; and
- · Incorporates an historical approach that identifies reliability needs prior to consideration of agencies' roles.

Our agencies are committed to working closely with Metropolitan Staff in a series of technical workshops to explore the appropriate programs and projects to achieve reliability in the face of great future uncertainty and are committed to completing the IRP by May 2010.

Sincerely,

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