

# Authorize Water Management Program with Member Agencies during 2010/11 Allocation

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee  
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# Background

- Low water levels in groundwater basins due to dry weather and imported water shortages
- USGVMWD raised water needs of Main San Gabriel Basin
- Initial focus— Cyclic agreement amendment for Main San Gabriel Basin
- Determined to open proposal to all member agencies and moved to a new agreement

# Current Proposal

- One-year water management program
- Open to any member agency
  - Can take delivery of water in 2010/11
  - Able to meet performance requirements

# Proposed Agreement Terms

- Water delivered in 2010/11 in excess of allocation without penalty
- Water purchased at time of delivery at prevailing full service rates and charges
- Water delivered at Metropolitan's discretion and capacity charge would not apply

# Proposed Agreement Terms (cont.)

- Metropolitan call on delivered water during a future allocation year
- Timeframe for call is next five years
- MA's allocation reduced by call amount in addition to the allocation shortage
- Provisions effective only if 2010/11 WSAP in place

# Regional Benefits

- Call reduces chances of deep allocations in 2011/12 or beyond
- Increases regional storage
- Performance measurement is straightforward

# Member Agency Benefits

- Assists participating member agency with immediate water management needs
- Ability to purchase water at current water rates
- No capacity charge for program water deliveries

# Board Options

- Option #1
  - Adopt CEQA determination
  - Authorize the General Manager to execute water management agreements consistent with proposed terms and in form approved by General Counsel
- Option #2
  - Do not authorize the General Manager to execute proposed water management agreements



# Staff Recommendation

- Option #1