



# SDCWA 2014 Legislative Policy Guidelines

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- Background

- Directs staff and advocates on important issues to SDCWA, its member agencies and region
  - Adopted November 21, 2013
  - Modifies policy positions adopted during 2013
  - Guidelines first adopted in December 1993 and updated annually
  - Guides staff evaluation of potential impact of state and federal legislation
  - All legislation, whether or not consistent with principles, brought back to SDCWA Board for consideration and action

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- Imported Water Supply
  - Support legislation that:
    - Requires Metropolitan to treat member agencies equitably in proportion to financial contributions
    - Repeals preferential rights
    - Requires Metropolitan to enter into contractual financial agreements with member agencies before embarking on major capital investments
    - Member agencies would pay equitable portion of fixed costs of capital and operations regardless of water purchased

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- Imported Water Supply (continued)
  - Support legislation that:
    - Amends MWD Act to change voting allocation based on member agency's total financial contribution
    - Provides appropriate level of accountability and cost control over Metropolitan spending
    - Requires Metropolitan to refund or credit member agency revenues that result in reserve balances greater than maximum levels established under state law

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- Imported Water Supply (continued)
  - Oppose legislation that:
    - Transfers control of State Water Project to:
      - Metropolitan;
      - State Water Contractors;
      - Central Valley Project Contractors;
      - State and Federal Water Contractors Authority; or
      - Any entity comprised of Metropolitan and other water contractors or any other special interest group.

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- Bay-Delta
  - Support legislation that:
    - Requires member agencies to make firm commitments to pay their share of Metropolitan's SWP contract obligations before paying for Delta conveyance
    - Provides SWP contractors and their member agencies access to all SWP facilities to facilitate water transfers

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- Energy

- Support legislation that:

- Makes SWP power available for all water projects

- Oppose legislation that:

- Adversely affects energy costs necessary to operate facilities of Metropolitan, SWP, SDCWA and its member agencies

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- California State Reorganization
  - Support legislation that:
    - Ensures any reorganization of SWP, including O&M, preserves ability for non-SWP contractors to access facility for transportation of water to non-SWP contractor



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- Metropolitan Board of Directors
  - Oppose legislation that:
    - Returns Metropolitan to membership structure existing prior to enactment of SB 1885 (Ayala) from 1998



# Questions