



# Board Retreat Follow-Up

Special Committee on Bay Delta  
Item 3a, May 24, 2016

# Board of Directors Retreat



- April 26: Integrated Resources Implementation Strategies
- April 27: Bay-Delta Challenges, California WaterFix and California EcoRestore



# Discussion Topics

- Timing and Requirements for Decision-making
- Physical Benefits for California WaterFix
- California EcoRestore and Role of Adaptive Management and Science Program
- Next Steps



# Discussion Points

## ● General

- Advantages of managing projects on a regional basis
- Need to support all four resource areas under IRP
- What level of reliability do we want? There is a difference between regional reliability and MWD reliability
- Need to easily describe project/options to the Southern California community and to individual member agencies
- What are the positions of other agency/interests?
- Recommend we hold workshops twice a year



# Discussion Points

- **Timing and requirements for decision making**
  - **How and in what form is the decision coming to the Board?**
    - Workshops and Board letters
  - **Essential Board information**
    - Clearly defined physical project
    - Operating criteria
    - Cost share plan

# Discussion Points

- Physical benefits for California WaterFix
  - What are the project benefits? Cost? Cost controls?
  - How are the costs allocated? How do we pay for it? What will be the financial commitment of the member agencies?
  - How are benefits and costs allocated if others drop out?
  - What are the alternative resource approaches?
    - Need a narrowed list of potential future resource opportunities to compare cost options
    - What is the cost of uncertainty? What is the impact of climate change on local and imported supplies? Local supplies don't remain static



# Discussion Points

- California EcoRestore and role of adaptive management and science program
  - Metropolitan needs to be directly involved in science and adaptive management
  - Continue developing new tools to improve decision making



# Common Themes

- Desire for additional Board workshops and written info/action letters
- Need a decision on California WaterFix under this federal administration
- Need an equitable approach to cost allocation
- Need to continue implementing a diverse resource approach
- Need to compare California WaterFix with other future resource opportunities



# Next Steps

- Special Committee on Bay Delta – June 2016
- Develop Informational Board Letters
  - Background and Description of California WaterFix Physical Facilities and Operating Requirements
  - Cost allocation Plan
- Develop Action Board Letters
  - Board Letter Regarding Policy Direction on Cost Allocation
  - Board Letter Regarding Decision to Participate in Implementation
- Schedule Board workshops

# The Delta

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