

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S LAWSUIT
AGAINST THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego depends on the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) for about 90% of the City's water supply; and

WHEREAS, CWA relies on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for most of its water supply through both the purchase of water from MWD and the wheeling of water through MWD facilities that is transferred from the Imperial Irrigation District and the All American & Coachella Canal lining project; and

WHEREAS, MWD has approved water rate increases totaling 75% since 2006, and

WHEREAS, MWD's water rate structure misallocates water supply costs to the water transportation (wheeling) rate, resulting in an overcharge of \$31 million to CWA in 2011 and cost savings to each of the 25 other member agencies of MWD, and

WHEREAS, by CWA's estimates, these overcharges could reach as much as \$230 million annually by the year 2021, and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2010, CWA filed a lawsuit against MWD challenging MWD's water rates which is currently pending in the San Francisco Superior Court as Case No. CPF-10-510830 (complaint); and

WHEREAS, CWA has filed a motion for leave to amend its complaint to assert additional claims against MWD, each one of which has a material negative impact on CWA and the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and CWA need MWD board policies that make water available at an affordable cost, fairly apportioned among the member agencies of MWD; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the City supports CWA's lawsuit and CWA's ongoing efforts to secure a reliable water supply from MWD at affordable and fair prices.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By _____
Thomas C. Zeleny
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego,
at its meeting of _____.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND, City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor