

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Counsel

March 8, 2016

<u>Via Email</u>

State Water Resources Control Board Felicia Marcus, Hearing Co-Chair Tam Doduc, Hearing, Co-Chair P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

## Re: California Water Fix Project, DWR and Reclamation Change of Point of Diversion

Dear Hearing Officers Marcus and Doduc:

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("Metropolitan") hereby requests an amendment to its Notice of Appearance in the California Water Fix change in point of diversion proceedings so it may increase its participation from policy statements to participation as a full party in Parts I and II. Metropolitan timely filed its original notice, and timely filed its request to amend its notice of appearance on February 26, 2016, prior to the deadline for amendment of notices of appearance. Metropolitan is now making a formal request to the hearing officers to amend its Notice of Appearance.

Metropolitan asks that its request to amend its notice be granted as it will not impact the current schedule. Metropolitan is not a petitioner and would be on the same schedule as similarly situated parties, like Westlands Water District, who are currently scheduled to present their case in chief in Part 1B, starting June 15, 2016. Metropolitan 's increased participation would also not be expected to impact the current schedule because Metropolitan would be subject to all of the State Water Resources Control Board's orders, including but not limited to those related to time limits and coordination with similarly situated parties.

Metropolitan could be significantly impacted by the outcome of these proceedings. Recent decisions on the scope of the Part I proceedings and changing deadlines has led Metropolitan to seek this amendment to its notice. Please see proposed amended notice, attached.

Sincerely,

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Becky Sheehan Senior Deputy General Counsel

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Enclosure

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR

Metropolitan Water District plans to participate in the water right hearing regarding

(name of party or participant)

## CALIFORNIA WATERFIX HEARING

#### California Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation The Public Hearing scheduled to commence on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>April 7, 2016</u>

1) Check all that apply:

X I/we intend to participate in Part I of the hearing

X I/we intend to participate in Part II of the hearing

- 2) Check the applicable boxes below. Be sure to accurately describe your participation in the hearing. (Please refer to Enclosure D of the October 30, 2015 <u>Notice of Petition, Public</u> <u>Hearing, and Pre-Hearing Conference</u> (Hearing Notice) for descriptions of "parties" and "interested persons"):
- I/we intend to participate in the hearing as an interested person and present a policy statement <u>only</u>. Part I Part II
- I/we intend to participate in the hearing as a party by cross-examination and/or rebuttal <u>only</u> and may present an opening statement.

🗌 Part I 🔲 Part II

**Part I:** I/we plan to participate in Part I as a party and call the following witnesses to testify at the hearing. (Fill in the following table for Part I of the hearing <u>only</u>)

NAME	SUBJECT OF PROPOSED TESTIMONY (Please indicate Application Number if Appropriate)	ESTIMATED LENGTH OF DIRECT TESTIMONY	EXPERT WITNESS (YES/NO)
Paul Hutton	Project description, water rights,	Per notice	Yes
	modeling, hydrology/hydrodynamics,	and rulings	
	WQCP compliance		_
Terry Erlewine	Project description, water rights,	Per notice	Yes
	modeling, hydrology/hydrodynamics,	and rulings	
	WQCP compliance		
	See attached		

(If more space is required, please add additional pages.)

Part II: I/we plan to participate in Part II as a party and will call witnesses to testify at the hearing. Please note that you will be required to submit a Supplemental Notice of Intent to Appear at a date to be determined for Part II of the hearing that lists your witnesses, subject of proposed testimony, etc.

## 3) Check if applicable:

I/we have also protested the Petition in accordance with Water Code section 1703.2.

Note: If have protested the Petition, you must also fill out sections 1 and 2 of this form above and indicate your intent to appear at the hearing to present evidence in support of your protest. If you do not resolve your protest with the petitioners prior to the hearing, and then do not present a case supporting your protest at the hearing, your protest will be dismissed. It is **not** necessary to file a protest to participate in the hearing.

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4) FIII in the following information of the Participant, Party, Attorney, or Other Representative:

	int): <u>Rebecca Sheehan</u>	
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Optional:		
electro	nic service for any reason, please or ry 5, 2016, at 916-319-0960 or by e	-related materials. If you are unable to accept contact the hearing team by Tuesday, mail at CWFhearing@waterboards.ca.gov.

Signature:	Re	VR	'ca	3	heehan	Date:	2-25-16

# California Water Fix Hearing Revised Notice to Appear Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Proposed Testimony, Continued

NAME	SUBJECT OF PROPOSED TESTIMONY	ESTIMATED LENGTH OF DIRECT TESTIMONY	EXPERT WITNESS (YES/NO)
Allison Febbo	Modeling, hydrodynamics, hydrology	Per notice and rulings	Yes
Lynda Smith	Water quality	Per notice and rulings	Yes
John Bednarski	Engineering, construction impacts	Per notice and rulings	Yes
Sergio Valles	Engineering, construction impacts	Per notice and rulings	Yes