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In light of the anticipated April 10, 2018 scheduled consideration of the WaterFix by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), as indicated on their website, and based on the limited information available at this time, the Council should instead adopt the following recommendations concerning Item No. 34 (CF 17-0930-S2) on today's Council agenda:

1. Consistent with the Council action of September 26, 2017 (CF# 17-0930), REQUEST the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to provide comment and request confirmation and assurances from the MWD of the Council's principles, including:
 - a. MWD participation in the WaterFix, if any, shall be capped at 26% of the project cost of either the original estimate of \$16.7B, or the amount validated by Department of Water Resources, whichever is lower.
 - b. MWD participation shall be contingent on the California EcoRestore Initiative being fully funded.
2. Should the original participation, finance structure, or project subscriptions no longer be viable, the DWP is REQUESTED to provide the following concerns and preferences to best advocate for the Ratepayers of the City of Los Angeles:
 - a. Oppose consideration or participation by MWD to finance all or any portion of a second tunnel, or any unsubscribed share, if this results in total MWD participation exceeding 26% of the project cost;
 - b. To avoid having the Ratepayers of the City of Los Angeles carry the financial burden for other parts of the State, Oppose consideration or participation by MWD to finance all, or any portion of a second tunnel or any unsubscribed share, for the Central Valley Project Contractors;
 - c. Oppose consideration or participation by MWD of a "One Tunnel" staged project unless the following criteria are incorporated:
 - i. MWD participation is capped at 47% of the reduced total project cost of \$11.1B;
 - ii. MWD participation is contingent on the California EcoRestore Initiative being fully funded by non-MWD resources;
 - iii. MWD will increase their participation and financial investment in local water efforts, including local stormwater capture and contaminated groundwater remediation; and
 - iv. MWD financial participation is structured in a way that protects low-income and lifeline customers of the DWP; minimizes the use of fixed revenues such as property taxes, and instead maximizes the use of water usage charges so as to encourage water conservation by all MWD member agencies.

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3. REQUEST the DWP and the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate (OPA) to report back on any new proposals, changes or MWD Board action concerning the WaterFix so that the Council can evaluate further; and if necessary, INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to prepare a Resolution for consideration by the Council to oppose the WaterFix should the matter result in greater costs and/or a greater portion of financial burden to the Ratepayers of the City of Los Angeles.

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