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The Central Basin Municipal Water District has the responsibility for serving water provided by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to more than 2 million people in 24 cities and unincorporated areas within Southeastern Los Angeles County.

Several major issues have arisen that potentially threatens the ability of Central Basin to effectively serve its customers within Los Angeles County. Reforms are clearly needed at the Central Basin. Due to the magnitude of the County population that would be affected by the ongoing problems at Central Basin, the Board of Supervisors must take the steps necessary to maintain water availability to our constituents.

The cloud of dysfunction at Central Basin continues to undermine efforts to reform the agency and its Board, it is appropriate at this time for the Board of Supervisors to request a comprehensive State management Audit of Central Basin and to pursue any related legislative and non-legislative actions necessary to effectively maintain water availability and services to Central Basin's customers, including the potential for another local water management agency, if necessary, to undertake the water-related functions and activities currently performed by Central Basin.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the CEO and Public Works, in consultation with County Counsel, to prepare and send a five-signature letter to the State, including the Chair of the State's Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, requesting a comprehensive State management Audit of the Central Basin Municipal Water District;
2. Direct the CEO and Public Works, in consultation with County Counsel and the County's Sacramento Legislative Representative, the state legislative delegation, and other state officials, to coordinate and pursue any actions necessary to effectively maintain water availability and services to Central Basin's customers, including if necessary exploring the possibility for another local water management agency to undertake the responsibilities currently performed by Central Basin;
3. Direct the CEO and Public Works to report back to the Board in 30 days with an update and next steps regarding the above requests and actions.

