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## Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Request for Qualifications for Renewable Energy Projects

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("MWD") has issued a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") from experienced and qualified respondents with the capacity and competency to finance, plan, design, permit, build, own, operate and maintain large-scale (20 MW or larger) renewable energy projects on MWD-owned properties in Southern California. Much of MWD's real property in Southern California (over 147,500 acres) is used for various operational purposes. Over time, as operational activities change, the need for these properties may be

revised, and on occasion, certain parcels are identified as not required for MWD's current operational needs. Approximately 11,000 acres fall into this category, primarily in Riverside County. MWD desires to both maximize the value of its real property assets and support the generation of alternative energy, and the development of these properties may accomplish both objectives. An example of potentially developable property is Diamond Valley Lake, constructed in and near the City of Hemet, where MWD acquired thousands of acres of land at and around the reservoir. Much of this property is designated as a reserve, permanently set aside for environmental protection; and approximately 4,000 acres are designated for mixed use, including commercial, residential, institutional and recreational development. Some of this developable property may be appropriate for renewable energy projects, particularly solar.

The intent of MWD's RFQ is to establish a list of no more than ten pre-qualified renewable energy development firms or teams from which MWD may solicit proposals for a particular property (such as Diamond Valley Lake), or set of properties. Respondents may elect to assemble a team that brings together the necessary development experience. The lead firm or team member of a multi-entity respondent must be an established firm currently in business, having operated for a minimum of five years with at least five years' directly-related experience with large-scale renewable energy projects. Further, respondents must have completed not less than two renewable energy development projects and have direct experience with marketing of renewable energy to an investor-owned or publicly-owned energy utility, preferably within California. Since any proposed project must incorporate sustainable principles and water and energy conservation measures, respondents are requested to include information on sustainable principles and conservation measures in the description of

### Key information:

Requests for Clarification Due:

January 14, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

Responses to RFQ Due:

January 27, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

*- In order to be responsive and receive updates and clarifications, interested firms must submit the online registration form at:*

[www.mwdh2o.com](http://www.mwdh2o.com)



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the completed projects.

If you are interested in learning more about the above Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Request for Qualifications for Renewable Energy Projects or have questions regarding other opportunities, please contact Patrick Perry, Emily Murray, Kaylynn Kim or Eleanor Ord. We are attorneys at Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP, a California law firm with seven offices statewide, including Los Angeles. Our practice includes assisting renewable energy clients with all aspects of their business, from siting and permitting, to compliance and litigation. To that end, we think your company may be interested in these renewable energy opportunities. We would be happy to tell you more about our renewable energy practice and expertise.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick Perry, Emily Murray, Kaylynn Kim and Eleanor Ord

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