REGION: Water district delays vote on pension hike

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So many questions were raised over a plan to raise pension benefits for Metropolitan Water District workers that the proposal has been temporarily shelved to allow further review, district officials said Monday.

The 37-member MWD board was scheduled to vote Tuesday on the proposed 25 percent boost in pension benefits for the district's 1,911 workers, but the vote has been postponed. District officials will set up a special workshop to review the proposal, district spokesman Brian Lewis said. No date was set for the workshop.

Metropolitan is the region's main water wholesaler. Members include 14 cities and 12 water agencies, including the San Diego County Water Authority and water districts in Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles counties.