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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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December 17, 1991

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)
(Water Problems Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Adoption of Assembly Bill 11X

Report

On March 21, 1991, Assemblyman Filante (R-San Rafael) introduced Assembly Bill 11X (AB 11X) that amends the Urban Water Management Planning Act of 1984. On October 13, 1991, AB 11X was signed into law. At your December 10, 1991 Board meeting, an informational letter was provided describing the impacts of AB 11X on Metropolitan. This letter describes the actions that staff has undertaken in order to meet the January 31, 1992 submittal deadline to the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

AB 11X presents two major impacts for Metropolitan, its member agencies and subagencies. Metropolitan is now required to file an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) with DWR. Metropolitan was previously exempted from filing an UWMP but did so in 1985 and 1990 for planning purposes and to assist its member agencies and subagencies in preparing their own plans. Metropolitan is also required to file a detailed drought contingency plan by January 31, 1992, as an amendment to its Regional Urban Water Management Plan of 1990.

Staff has completed the Drought Contingency Plan (Plan), which includes the nine specific requirements requested in the legislation. Copies have been provided to the member agencies for review and comments at workshops that have been held to assist them in preparing their own plans. A copy of the Plan is attached for your review.

According to the provisions of AB 11X and the Urban Water Management Planning Act of 1984, your Board is required to formally adopt the Plan after a public hearing. The General Counsel has advised staff that the most efficient way to handle this matter is to include the public hearing into the agenda of the January 13, 1992 Water Problems Committee. Staff has formally advertised the public hearing in the major newspapers in the Metropolitan service area.

Formal adoption may be delayed until February 1992 due to public comments that may be received at the public hearing. Staff does not anticipate any adverse impacts on Metropolitan as a result of a February 1992 submission to DWR.

Board Committee Assignments

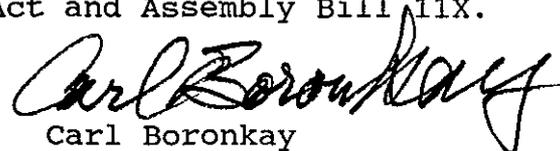
This letter is referred for action to:

The Executive Committee because the Drought Contingency Plan concerns policies and procedures to be considered by the Board, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2417 (b); and

The Water Problems Committee because the Drought Contingency Plan concerns policies regarding water conservation pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2481 (i).

Recommendation

That your Board formally adopt the attached Drought Contingency Plan pursuant to the provisions outlined in the Urban Water Management Planning Act and Assembly Bill 11X.


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Attachments