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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

April 27, 1993

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)  
 (Water Problems Committee--Action)  
 (Special Committee On Legislation--Action)  
 From: General Manager  
 Subject: Assembly Bill 892 (Frazee) Relating to Water Management Planning  
 and Reporting

Report

At the request of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), Assembly Member Robert C. Frazee (R-Carlsbad) has introduced Assembly Bill 892 (AB 892) which would amend the Water Management Planning Act of 1984 (Act). Under the original Act, Metropolitan was not required to file a water management plan but did so in 1985 and 1990 to assist its member agencies in their planning processes and for its own internal planning. In 1991, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 11X which required Metropolitan to file a water management plan as a wholesaler and to prepare a drought contingency plan. Metropolitan completed the drought contingency plan which was subsequently adopted by your Board and filed with the Department of Water Resources in accordance with Assembly Bill 11X.

Metropolitan is also signatory to the Urban Water Conservation Best Management Practices (BMP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Under the terms of the BMP MOU, Metropolitan and other signatories are required to file an annual report on their implementation of the provisions of the MOU.

The reporting requirements of the Act and the MOU thus create overlapping and redundant water conservation reporting requirements for agencies that are required to conform with the Act and the MOU. AB 892 would remove the redundancy between the Act's and the MOU's reporting requirements. Specifically, AB 892 would allow water agencies to combine the water conservation reporting requirements in Section 10631(b)(1) of the Act with similar requirements in the MOU. Under AB 892, affected agencies would now be able to utilize their BMP reports to fulfill the water conservation reporting requirements of the Act.

It is recommended that the Board support the passage of AB 892. However, there is the possibility that additional amendments may be offered for AB 892 by other parties. With this letter, staff is seeking authorization from the Board to

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negotiate any potential amendments to protect the interests of Metropolitan and its member agencies.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred for action to:

The Executive Committee because it involves legislation that may affect Metropolitan, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2417(a);

The Water Problems Committee because it involves policies regarding water conservation which may affect Metropolitan, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2481(i); and

The Special Committee on Legislation because it involves a legislative matter that may affect Metropolitan pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2581(a).

Recommendation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WATER PROBLEMS COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

That your Board support Assembly Bill 892 (Frazee) and allow staff to negotiate any additional amendments offered for the legislation.

  
for General Manager

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