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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

August 3, 1993

To: Board of Directors (Water Problems Committee--Action)
Board of Directors (Legal and Claims Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Amendments to Administrative Code to Accommodate Automated
Communication System

Report

The Automated Communication System (ACS) is a new database application and communication mechanism. For several months staff has been preparing to computerize the certification of Seasonal Storage Service (SSS) thereby simplifying the certification process and making it more efficient. The ACS can transmit the certification to Metropolitan via modem and can also upload and download other information such as historical water deliveries and memoranda to Metropolitan or Member Agencies.

Metropolitan's Administrative Code needs to be revised in order to accept certifications via modem. It is recommended that Section 4507 (f) be revised as underlined to read:

In cases where water through a particular facility is delivered during any month for noninterruptible service or interruptible service or both, and for Seasonal Storage Service, the bill for water delivered in such month will be prepared by applying the rates for water sold and delivered in noninterruptible service to the total quantity of water delivered. In addition to the procedures for crediting interruptible service, if the member public agency desires to receive credit for water used in Seasonal Storage Service the facts concerning the quantities of water so used must be certified to the District in writing or electronically by computer modem or otherwise by responsible officer of the member public agency purchasing such water within four months following

the beginning of any month during which such usage occurred and each such certification shall cover a period of not more than two calendar months. The amount of such credits shall be based on the difference in water rates in effect at the time the water is used.

It is further recommended that Section 4514 be revised as underlined to read:

Seasonal storage water service shall be available between October 1 and the following April 30 whenever and so long as the General Manager determines that water and system capacity are available. Additionally, the General Manager may make this service available at other times of the year at his discretion. With respect to service for direct reservoir storage and for groundwater replenishment by spreading or injecting, service availability may be activated or terminated immediately upon notice by the General Manager to affected member public agencies. With respect to service for in-lieu groundwater replenishment or in-lieu reservoir storage, service availability may be activated upon 5 days' notice to the member agencies and terminated upon 15 days' notice to the member agencies.

Member public agencies may receive seasonal storage water service only upon filing of the required certifications specified in Section 4507. Receipt of a certification electronically by computer modem or otherwise shall be considered as identical to receipt of a written and signed certification binding on the member public agency for all purposes. The General Manager may require in order to determine the quantities of water to which the seasonal storage rates shall apply. Such investigations may result in revisions either upward or downward in the amount of water actually received in Seasonal Storage Service. No such investigation shall be made unless the member public agency has requested seasonal storage service and submitted the requisite certifications. The General Manager may reject any certification if the certifying agency is

unable to furnish sufficient documentation as to the facts of the certification.

Modifications to the Administrative Code to reflect the elimination of the interruptible program will be recommended in a separate letter to your Board in the future.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred to:

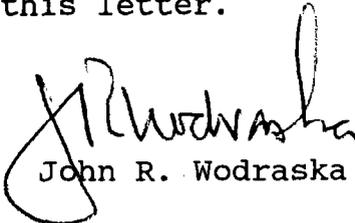
The Water Problems Committee pursuant to its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to policies regarding the sale and delivery of water for various uses under Administrative Code Section 2481 (d).

The Legal and Claims Committee pursuant to its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to the organization and contents of the Code.

Recommendation

Water Problems Committee and Legal and Claims Committee for Action

That the Board adopt the recommended changes to the Administrative Code contained in this letter.


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