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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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January 12, 1994

To: Board of Directors (Engineering and Operations Committee--Action)
Board of Directors (Land Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Certification of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
for the Eastside Pipeline Feature of the Domenigoni Valley
Reservoir Project

Report

In October 1991, your Board certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project and authorized the General Manager to perform all work in advance of construction, including acquisition of lands necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of the project. Staff is currently undertaking detailed design for the reservoir and ancillary facilities, including the Eastside Pipeline Feature of the project.

Engineering studies have determined that the design and operation of the project could be improved with modifications to two components of the Eastside Pipeline Feature: (1) realignment of the pipeline from an alignment along the western right-of-way of the San Diego Canal to an alignment immediately east of the canal and the realignment of the southernmost segment of the pipeline to the right-of-way of Darlene Lane; and (2) addition of a Secondary Inlet Pipeline connecting from the Eastside Pipeline to the reservoir. These modifications to the Eastside Pipeline Feature will improve the reservoir's water delivery reliability, increase pipeline and canal safety, and reduce construction costs. A Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) has been prepared for these proposed project modifications. Two potential alignment alternatives for the proposed Secondary Inlet Pipeline were identified and evaluated in the SEIR. Of the two alternatives, Alternative 1 is the preferred alternative based primarily on engineering and operational criteria.

The Final SEIR consists of the Draft SEIR, public comments received during the public review period, and Metropolitan's responses to those comments, including additional information where necessary. The Final SEIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to document significant changes in environmental conditions, impacts, and mitigation requirements that would result from implementation of

the proposed modifications to the Eastside Pipeline Feature of the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project. The Final SEIR does not otherwise affect the findings or conclusions of the Eastside Reservoir Project FEIR (October 1991) with respect to any other aspect of the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project.

During preparation of the Draft SEIR, and as a result of issues identified during the public review process, potential changes in environmental impacts were identified in three primary environmental issue areas: biological resources, land use, and cultural resources. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the SEIR, however, and adherence to the mitigation program established for the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project in the October 1991 FEIR, all impacts of the proposed modifications would be reduced to less than a significant level. No potentially significant impacts were identified for the other environmental topics analyzed in the October 1991 FEIR.

In addition to the Final SEIR, your Board will consider adoption of the attached Statement of Findings and Supplemental Mitigation Monitoring Program. Your Board is required to certify that the Final SEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, and that the information contained therein has been reviewed and considered by your Board prior to approving the proposed project modifications.

Board Committee Assignment

This letter is referred for action to:

The Engineering and Operations Committee because of its responsibility for the operation, protection, and maintenance of plants and facilities, and responsibility for construction programs and work pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2431(c); and

The Land Committee because it has jurisdiction over the terms and conditions for the acquisition of real property pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2451(b).

Recommendations

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.

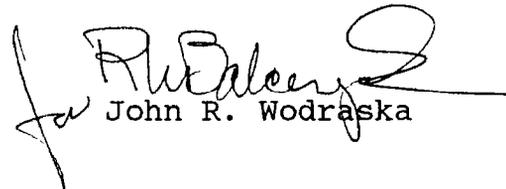
1. It is recommended that your Board adopt the Statement of Findings and Supplemental Mitigation Monitoring Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A; certify that the Final SEIR for the proposed modifications to the Eastside Pipeline Feature of the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project has been completed in compliance with the

California Environmental Quality Act; certify that your Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final SEIR prior to approving the proposed modifications; and find that the Final SEIR reflects the independent judgment of Metropolitan.

2. It is recommended that your Board approve the proposed modifications to the Eastside Pipeline Feature of the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project and Alternative 1 for the proposed Secondary Inlet Pipeline.

LAND COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.

1. It is recommended that the General Manager be authorized to acquire all lands and other interests in real property required for construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed modifications to the Eastside Pipeline Feature of the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project.


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Attachment

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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

January 31, 1994

To: All Directors

From: Executive Secretary

Subject: Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Eastside Pipeline Feature of the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project

1. On December 21, 1993, you received a copy of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Eastside Pipeline Feature of the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project.

Enclosed are the following:

- (1) Statement of Findings
- (2) Supplemental Mitigation Monitoring Plan
- (3) Response to Comments on the Draft SEIR

2. These documents, together with the Draft SEIR, which you have already received, constitute the Final SEIR for the Eastside Pipeline Feature.

3. Additional copies of the Draft SEIR are available from me.


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