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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

From: General Manager

Subject: Amendments to Agreements for Cultural Resources Services,  
Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project--Survey, Testing and  
Recovery Activities

Report

In accordance with the provisions of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project, Metropolitan is committed to mitigate for impacts to cultural resources within the eleven-square mile project area. This effort is mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and federal guidelines and principles. Appendix K of the CEQA Guidelines specifically requires that actions be taken to avoid or preserve in place sensitive cultural resources, or to mitigate adverse impacts to those resources.

A cost estimate of \$7.8 million for prehistoric and historical archaeological mitigation, based on surveys contained in the FEIR, was included in the budget for fiscal year 1992/1993 and reported to your Board by letter in April 1992. This estimate was based on surveys of ten percent of the project area and a detailed literature review.

Subsequent to the FEIR, Phase I of the cultural resources mitigation program, consisting of surveys of all project lands, identified a five-fold increase in the number of sites in the project area from 43 to 172 sites. This provided the basis for a revised estimate of required effort and funding to complete subsequent phases of work. As a result of the efficiency developed during Phase I work, however, the increased number of sites did not result in a proportionate increase in estimated costs.

In April 1993, your Board authorized funding of \$9.0 million to complete all tasks through Phase II. The total of all mitigation work at the project site was estimated not to exceed \$12.3 million. Phase II, consisting of completion of surveys, testing at all sites, and data recovery in critical construction areas, has been completed and has provided a basis

for accurately defining remaining tasks and costs for the mitigation efforts.

The remaining \$3.3 million, required to perform Phase III work completing all data recovery at the project site, is now being requested. This total for Phase III of the mitigation program includes \$2.6 million for prehistoric archaeological services performed by INFOTEC Research, Inc., and \$0.7 million for historical archaeological services performed by Greenwood and Associates.

Compliance with CEQA is provided for in the FEIR and Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project, certified by your Board in October 1991. Funds to perform this work are available in Appropriation No. 560.

#### Board Committee Assignments

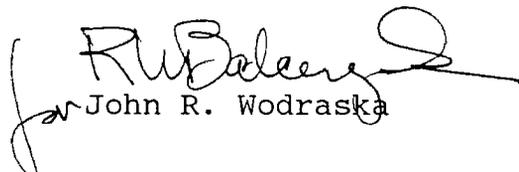
This letter is referred for action to:

The Engineering and Operations Committee because of its jurisdiction over the selection of engineering and geologic consultants and the determination of the scope of their assignments, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2431 (h); and,

The Organization and Personnel Committee because of its jurisdiction over the terms and conditions of employment of all consultants, advisors, and special counsel, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2471 (g).

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that your Board authorize the General Manager to amend Agreement No. 3773 for INFOTEC Research, Inc., to provide additional prehistoric archaeological services in an amount not to exceed \$8,200,000, including expenses, and to amend Agreement No. 3772 with Greenwood and Associates to provide additional historical archaeological services in an amount not to exceed \$4,100,000, including expenses, both substantially in accordance with the terms in this letter and in form approved by the General Counsel.

  
for John R. Wodraska

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