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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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To: Board of Directors

From: *ba* General Manager

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Acting Director of Public Affairs

Subject: Annual Report on Organizational Memberships

RECOMMENDATION(S)

For information only.

DETAILED REPORT

Attached are two organizations that were inadvertently left unreported on Board Letter 9-11. The organizations are the National Wetlands Coalition and the Resource Landowners Coalition. Both organizations are considered to be essential. The total cost of dues for all organizations is now approximately \$791,700 annually.

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Attachment

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National Wetlands Coalition

\$10,000

N. Gregory Taylor

The National Wetlands Coalition (NWC) is an incorporated, non-profit group that is funded solely by the financial contributions of its members. NWC was founded in September 1989 with a sole mission of participating in the national debates over Federal wetlands regulatory policy, which is based on Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act. NWC states that such participation is through its advocacy of changes to the regulatory program that will focus Federal regulatory attention on its most valuable wetlands, provide incentives for wetlands conservation on private property, streamline the regulatory system and insure that the program both conserves wetlands and allows continued economic activities. Membership was determined to be advantageous to Metropolitan to assist with legislative advocacy so long as the NWC continues to stay with a moderated policy course. Metropolitan has been a member since 1997.

Resource Landowners Coalition

\$10,000

N. Gregory Taylor

The Resources Landowners Coalition (RLC) is a group of California landowners which has informally existed since 1992. Its stated purpose is to represent the common interests of substantial landowners which holdings consist of, or include, lands whose use for the foreseeable future will be based upon natural or developed resources. Membership was determined to be advantageous to Metropolitan to assist with the development of the Natural Communities Conservation Plan process, wetlands endangered species and other open space issues. Metropolitan has been a member since 1996.