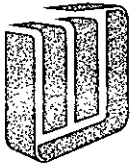


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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(Executive Committee--Action)
To: Board of Directors (Special Committee on Water Quality and
Environmental Compliance--Action)
From: General Manager
Subject: Seventh Year of Voluntary Research Subscription Program--
American Water Works Association Research Foundation

Report

The American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF) has asked Metropolitan to participate in the seventh year of its Voluntary Research Subscription Program. The amount requested for 1992 is \$270,000. Metropolitan's contribution, along with contributions from other water utilities, will be used to fund applied research in the drinking water field.

The AWWARF is a nonprofit corporation that was set up in 1967 to promote, coordinate, and finance applied research in the operation and management of public water supply systems. Currently, AWWARF has 480 subscribers (see attached membership list).

Applied research topics funded by AWWARF address problems identified by the water utility industry, and relate to present and anticipated drinking water regulations. Special reports on the these studies are disseminated to all subscribers on a regular basis. Information received from this program is of significant benefit to Metropolitan and will complement and enhance our own applied research efforts.

Metropolitan is receiving a total of \$140,000 from AWWARF for the operation, design, and construction of the oxidation demonstration study. Over the last several years, Metropolitan has served as contractor or subcontractor on three additional projects totalling \$730,000. In 1992, it is expected that at least 6 research projects directly related to Metropolitan's data needs will be funded, for a total of \$ 1.3 million. Of this, \$ 1.1 million is for disinfection by-product research.

Assistant General Manager D. L. Georgeson currently sits on the Executive Committee of the AWWARF Board of Trustees, along with four other members. Water Quality Specialist Dr. M. G. Shovlin is a member of the AWWARF Research Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC reviews all requests for funding and

prioritizes the requests based upon need. RAC recommendations are submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

For calendar year 1992, Metropolitan's share under the program would be \$270,000. The 1991 share was \$235,000. This increase has been anticipated, due to the increasing need for applied research. The funding share for all utilities was calculated on the basis of \$1.20 per million gallons delivered per year, with credits given for water purchased from subscribing wholesalers and water sold wholesale, with a minimum contribution of \$300 and a maximum of \$270,000.

Funds for the Voluntary Research Subscription Program have been included in the Water Quality Division's budget for fiscal year 1991-92. The proposed contribution is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because it involves only feasibility and planning studies.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter was referred for action to:

The Executive Committee because the letter is in regard to public information for governmental and other entities and officials, and for the citizens of California regarding matters affecting the District's interest, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2417 (b); and

The Special Committee on Water Quality and Environmental Compliance because of its jurisdiction over issues related to the quality of water furnished by the District to its member agencies, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2551 (b).

Recommendation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WATER QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE FOR ACTION.

It is recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to make payment of \$270,000 to the American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF) as Metropolitan's contribution to fund AWWARF's applied research program during calendar year 1992.


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Attachment