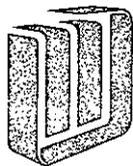


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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)
From: General Manager
Subject: MWD Participation in Association of California
Water Agencies (ACWA) Urban Agencies Section

Report

At its 1991 Fall Conference held at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego November 20-22, 1991, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) approved creation of an Urban Agencies Section to address exclusively the concerns of urban water supply agencies. This action was supported by your Board.

The association bylaws provide that any group of 10 or more member organizations having sufficiently similar purposes may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, form a section. Resolutions of support to form the Urban Agencies Section were received by the necessary 10 agencies, and member organizations which currently participate in other sections are now reviewing the option to transfer to the new section. Member organizations may belong to only one section at any given time.

Metropolitan currently participates in the Municipal Water Districts Section of ACWA which addresses the interests of agencies which function under the Municipal Water District Act. Other urban entities have been members of the Special Agencies, County Water Districts, and California Water Districts sections. There has been no one section focused on addressing urban concerns. Some ACWA member organizations long have felt that this situation has led to a dilution of the viewpoints of urban agencies and, consequently, that urban interests would have more of an opportunity to be heard if such a section were created. Some member organizations have felt, too, that ACWA can be of greater assistance in coordinating the resolution of urban water management issues by working with agencies under the banner of only one section. Further, it is anticipated that there will be more urban participation in the association, especially by cities, as a result of the formation of this new section.

The Urban Agencies Section will address the broader concerns that must be faced by all urban water supply agencies throughout the state, not just those of municipal water districts or of the specialized interests of other ACWA sections. Members of the new section will meet and confer to discuss mutual problems and matters of interest, thereby identifying, facilitating, and working toward the resolution of urban water management, water supply, and related issues. Recommendations on legislation affecting these urban entities then will be made to the ACWA Legislative Committee.

The interests of Metropolitan Water District lie in this broader area and, undoubtedly, would better be served by participation in the Urban Agencies Section.

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Board Committee Assignment

This letter is referred for action to the Executive Committee because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to policies and procedures to be considered by the Board under Administrative Code Section 2417 (e).

Recommendation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.

It is recommended that Metropolitan Water District forward to the Association of California Water Agencies a request for a transfer from the Municipal Water Districts Section to the Urban Agencies Section.


for Carl Boronka

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