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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

February 4, 1992

To Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)
From Chairman, Ad-Hoc Committee on Legislation
Subject Creation of Special Committee on Legislation

Report

At a meeting on February 4, 1992, the Ad-Hoc Committee on Legislation concluded that it was desirable to establish a Special Committee on Legislation. This letter transmits that recommendation and the proposed Administrative Code changes to implement the recommendation.

It was the view of the Ad-Hoc Committee that the new Special Committee should reflect a broad cross-section of Directors. The Committee would be expected to meet monthly. It would review pending legislation of concern to the District which existing Committees may not presently always have the time to consider; and would prepare recommendations for the further consideration of the Executive Committee and the Board.

The proposed Administrative Code provisions reflect this discussion. It should be observed that the Committee would consist of eleven members, at least one of whom shall be an officer of the Board, one of whom shall be the Chair of the Water Problems Committee, seven of whom shall represent each of the seven standing committees, and two who may be selected at large. These selections, to be made by the Chair of the Board (as provided in existing Section 2500), shall be designed to give geographic representation to all areas of the District and, to the extent possible, to the diversity of member public agencies and sub-agencies within the District. It would be expected that the Chair of the Committee will be designated by the Chair of the Board and that he or she would serve at the latter's pleasure.

While the Ad-Hoc Committee was created by the Executive Committee to report to it on the proper definition and role of a Legislative Committee, this letter has been prepared and placed on the Board's agenda for action in the

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expectation that if the recommendation below is satisfactory to the Executive Committee, the proposal herein would be recommended to the Board for prompt action so as to permit the new Committee to become active in the California legislative process early in this legislative year.

Board Committee Assignment

This letter is being referred to the Executive Committee pursuant to Administrative Code section 2417 (a) and (e) because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to legislation sponsored by the District or in any way affecting the District; and policies and procedures to be considered by the Board.

Recommendation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.

That Article 9 in the form shown in Attachment A be added to Chapter 5 of Division II of the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code; that existing Articles 9 and 10 of said Chapter be renumbered 10 and 11, respectively, and that existing Sections 2580 and 2590 be renumbered as Sections 2590 and 2595 respectively.



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Attachment

ATTACHMENT A

Article 9

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION**§ 2580. Membership.**

The Special Committee on Legislation shall consist of eleven members, at least one of whom shall be an officer of the Board, one of whom shall be the Chair of the Water Problems Committee or his or her designee, seven of whom shall represent each of the seven standing committees, and two who shall be selected at large, such membership to be selected to give geographic representation to all areas of the District and, to the extent possible, to the diversity of member public agencies and sub-agencies within the District.

§ 2581. Duties and Functions.

The Special Committee on Legislation shall:

- (a) Review and make recommendations regarding proposals for State and Federal legislation, or amendments thereto, that may affect the District, and coordinate such review with other Committees of the Board;
- (b) Review staff and Board members' recommendations for positions on such legislation;
- (c) Consider the need for new legislation as identified by members of the Board or the General Manager;
- (d) Coordinate with the General Manager opportunities for members of the Board to assist in efforts to inform members of the Legislature or the Congress with regard to proposed legislation; and
- (e) Review the effectiveness of legislative advocacy efforts by staff and members of the Board.

§ 2582. Relations with Standing Committees.

The Special Committee on Legislation shall report its recommendations to the Executive Committee.