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To: Board of Directors (Water Problems Committee--Information)
From: General Manager
Subject: Extension of the Water Storage Agreement Between Metropolitan
and the City of Los Angeles

Report

During periods when our member agencies' direct demands are less than the available supply, it is desirable to store this "additional" water within Metropolitan's service area for use in the future. Accordingly, pursuant to the General Manager's authority provided by Administrative Code Section 4204, we have entered into a number of agreements in the past to allow for the short-term storage of water in various member agency reservoirs, or within groundwater basins via cyclic storage agreements. This water is then purchased by the participating member agency at a later date, generally with the intent of reducing Metropolitan's peak summer demand load. Under some agreements and circumstances, this water can also be directly returned to Metropolitan for general distribution to the member agencies.

Since September 1986, Metropolitan and the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (City) have been operating under an agreement (MWD No. 1731; LADWP No. 10604) which provides for the storage of Metropolitan-owned water within the City's reservoirs. This water may be stored in reservoirs not only within the city limits of Los Angeles, but also in reservoirs along the Los Angeles Aqueduct, thus providing a substantial amount of potentially available storage. The City currently has approximately 28,000 acre-feet of Metropolitan-owned water stored in its reservoirs. The disposition of this water is governed by a set of operating procedures which are developed prior to the actual delivery of water to the City. Delivery rates, conditions of delivery as well as purchase or repayment conditions are specified within the framework of the operating procedures. A current agreement with the City is set to expire on May 1, 1992.

The pre-delivery of water to mitigate the effects of shutdowns on the West Branch of the State Water Project and/or the Joseph Jensen Filtration Plant has also been accomplished under this agreement. It is also possible for the City to deliver water to the East Branch of the State Water Project from the Los Angeles Aqueduct via the East Branch Intertie. This ability would be crucial in order to maintain service in the northeast region of our service area under severe State project delivery restrictions.

Because of the continued need for such operating flexibility in the future, staff has prepared an Amendment, which will be "approved as to form" by the General Counsel, providing for the extension of the term of the agreement for five years until May 1, 1997. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power staff is reviewing this amendment and it is anticipated that an agreement will be concluded with them later this month. All other terms and conditions of this agreement remain in full force and effect.

This extension is exempt from compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality as existing facilities are utilized under the storage programs.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter was referred for information to the Water Problems Committee because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to the sale and delivery of water for various uses, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2481(c)&(d).

Recommendation

For information only.


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