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Board of Directors

(Engineering & Operations Committee--Information)

(Land Committee--Information)

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From General Manager

Status Report for the Eastside Reservoir Project

Report

The Eastside Reservoir Project is proceeding with final design and land acquisition activities pursuant to approval of the project by your Board on October 9, 1991 and appropriation of funds for these purposes.

A Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) to protect against listing of future endangered species has been extensively reviewed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). The pre-listing agreement with CDFG will provide for issuance of a permit to take species when and as they are listed as endangered. A pre-listing agreement will be executed by Metropolitan and the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, approving the MSHCP in its current form. Because it is not totally certain that a permit to take a federally listed endangered species will be obtained upon its listing, your Board also authorized the General Manager, on March 10, 1992, to seek legislation to amend the Endangered Species Act for such purposes. Execution of the pre-listing agreements will be sought in June.

The project is being managed by Metropolitan and program management consultant personnel under the direction of the Eastside Reservoir Program Manager. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Program Management consulting services has been issued to assist Metropolitan staff with project scheduling and cost control, the coordination and documentation of detailed design activities, and the preparation of a program management manual. Proposals are due on May 13, with consultant selection scheduled in June 1992. An RFP for the design of main project features, including dams, inlet and outlet facilities, and powerhouses is scheduled to be advertised in May.

Final design activities for the relocation of 1.5 miles of the San Diego Canal near the west dam and construction of an

8.8 mile long, 12-foot diameter pipeline connection from the Casa Loma Canal to the reservoir have been initiated by Metropolitan staff. A final alignment for the relocation of 7.7 miles of Newport Road, currently running east-west through the Domenigoni Valley, has been developed through coordination with local governmental agencies. The relocated roadway would be immediately north of the reservoir site. Preliminary design for this work has begun through the use of consulting services. Relocation of existing roadways, utilities, and the San Diego Canal, beginning in mid-1993, are critical to the timely initiation of dam construction. An initial contract to clear and grub the reservoir site was awarded in March. Vacant properties purchased as a part of the reservoir project will be maintained in a cleared and cultivated condition until construction.

A community awareness program is being implemented which includes regular coordination with affected governmental agencies, community involvement in the refinement of open space and recreation plans, and written and in-person activities to disseminate project information, including the establishment of an on site visitor center. Similar activities were highly successful during the planning phase of the project in developing and maintaining community support.

Mitigation monitoring is underway in compliance with the mitigation monitoring plan approved with certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). Current activities include detailed archeological investigations and recovery at the project site in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, selection of consultants to perform air quality monitoring before and during construction, initiation of rare plant mitigation, and preparation for Native American monitoring of construction.

Land acquisition activities are continuing at the reservoir site. Of 154 ownerships at the site, 32 properties have been purchased to date, 2 properties are in escrow, and offers are outstanding on 37 properties. Appraisals are complete or nearing completion on the remainder of the properties. A total of 6,438 acres of property have been purchased within a total reservoir area of 12,046 acres. By action of your Board on September 9, 1991, Metropolitan agreed to purchase a portion of the McSweeney Ranch property with the price to be established through the preparation and averaging of appraisals. The appraisals are being prepared at this time and are expected to be completed in May 1992. By action of your Board on April 14, 1992, one 166-acre property at the saddle dam, near the northwest boundary of the reservoir site, is proceeding to condemnation. Additional properties will be purchased along the alignment of the relocated Newport Road.

Negotiations have continued with the Hemet Unified School District to reach settlement regarding the District's concerns for siting of schools in the area. Metropolitan has extended the statute of limitations applicable to a Hemet Unified School District challenge of the FEIR through July 10, 1992 and is working cooperatively with the Department of Education, the School District, and the Department of Water Resources to resolve school siting issues. Draft settlement agreements have been exchanged by the parties and it appears that settlement may be reached within the time provided by the extended statute of limitations.

The attached cost summary provides a breakdown of planning, design and construction activities by major project feature. Costs are presented in both 1991 and escalated dollars. The total project cost, including additional mitigation and land acquisition costs identified subsequent to the FEIR, is \$1,480,600,000 in 1991 dollars. The total escalated project cost is \$1,837,700,000.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter was referred to the Engineering and Operations Committee for information because of its interest in the initiation, scheduling and contracting of construction programs pursuant to Section 2431 (b).

This letter was referred to the Land Committee for information because of its interest in policies for the acquisition of rights-of-way pursuant to Section 2451 (a).

This letter was referred to the Executive Committee because of its interest in policies and procedures to be considered by the Board pursuant to Section 2417 (e).

<u>Recommendation</u>

For information only.

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EASTSIDE RESERVOIR PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Cost Element	EIR Cost Summary				Current Program Cost (Non-Escalated)			Current Program
	(See Note "A") (See Note "B")							
		Planning (Thru Dec 91)	Design and Construction	Total	Planning (Thru Dec 91)	Design and Construction	Total	Cost (Escalated)
Construction		(Obliga addibit	10141	(11112 1500 51)	CONSTRUCTION	10(2)	1350.
Dams	732.7	0.0	732.7	732.7	0.0	732.7	732.7	1330
Support Facilities	173.9	0.0	173.9	173.9	0.0	173.9	173.9	
Contigency (15%)	136.0	0.0	136.0	136.0	0.0	136.0	136.0	
Sub-Total	\$1,042.6	\$0.0	\$1,042.6	\$1,042.6	\$0.0	\$1,042.6	\$1,042.6	\$1,350.
Land				-				208
Property	104.0	52.0	82.0	134.0	52.0	124.0	176.0	200
Assemblage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	13.0	
Relocations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	12.0	
Mitigation								
Habitat	30.0	0.0	29.2	29.2	0.0	29.2	29.2	29
Pre-Listing		0.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	13.9	13.9	16
Cultural		0.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	7.9	7.9	9.
Monitoring	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	3.7	3
Recreation		0.0	24.9	24.9	0.0	24.9	24.9	33
Energy	29.7	0.0	29.7	29.7	0.0	9.3	9.3	14
Site Remediation	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3
Sub-Total	\$166.7	\$52.0	\$180.8	\$232.8	\$52.0	\$240.9	\$292.9	\$317.
Engineering & Design	73.0	20.0	73.0	93.0	20.0	73.0	93.0	101
Construction Supervision	52.1	0.0	52.1	52.1	0.0	52.1	 52.1	68
Sub-Total	\$125.1	\$20.0	\$125.1	\$145.1	\$20.0	\$125.1	\$145.1	\$169.
Total	\$1,334.4	\$72.0	\$1,348.5	\$1,420.5	\$72.0	\$1,408.6	\$1,480.6	\$1,837.

Notes: A. Without costs footnoted in the Final EIR (Page 3-40): Recreation, cultural mitigation, and pre-listing cost; and previous land and planni
B. With costs footnoted in Final EIR (Page 3-40).