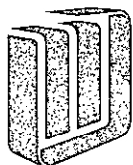


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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

April 21, 1992

Mr. Charles L. Shreves
General Manager
Imperial Irrigation District
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Imperial, California 92251

Dear Mr. Shreves:

Imperial Irrigation District's
1992-1993 Water Savings Test Program

Your letter of April 14, 1992 inquired:

- "1. If IID undertakes a program to produce wet water that MWD can use or bank and such is approved by PVID, CVWD and the Bureau, will MWD fund the program in 1992 and 1993?
2. If MWD's answer to the first question is yes, how much is MWD willing to pay to fund the program and have the water made available to it?"

In answer to question one, Metropolitan is interested in moving forward with this type of program. However, we see that there are a number of issues that must necessarily be addressed before the program could be implemented. These issues include the following:

- a. The specifics of the program need to be defined to assure that "wet" water is being produced. The mechanism for determining the yield of the program must be determined to be assured that the water is not simply unused agricultural water or created out of additional conservation activities which are required of Imperial.
- b. Since Coachella Valley Water District has already openly indicated that they would reject developing such a program in Imperial, any such initial draft principles should be forwarded to them for their concurrence before moving forward.
- c. The Palo Verde Irrigation District Land Fallowing Program is developed as a test and it would be best

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to have the preliminary results from that program before preceding with a more ambitious program in other districts. In addition, Arizona and Nevada have already indicated that they are concerned over the storage provisions under the PVID type agreement, even though they would not be harmed by such storage. Any enlargement of those storage rights, even though they have been identified as nonprecedent in the PVID type agreement, could further heighten those states concerns and interfere with the implementation of that program as well.

- d. A time schedule should be prepared demonstrating the necessary steps and approvals that would be required for implementation.

In answer to your question number two, I cannot provide you with a dollar amount without knowing the specifics of the program and how it fits into the overall concurrence of the parties and the rights that we may have to such water. Necessarily, the issues addressed in answer to question number one must first be developed and the price negotiated.

I will be happy to discuss the above issues with you and work as expeditiously as possible towards addressing these items.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Carl Boronkay

Carl Boronkay
General Manager

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- APR 22 - Adjourned Board Meeting Approved Plans A & C & Authorized Preparation of Environmental Assessment
- APR 28 - Board Meeting Authorize Preparation of necessary environmental documentation
- MAY 05 - IID/CVWD Meeting
- MAY 11 - IID/CVWD Meeting
- MAY 12 - Board Meeting - Draft IID/MWD Agreement to PVID, CVWD & USBR
- MAY 15 - Solicit Farmers to participate in Program
- MAY 19 - Draft Environmental Document Prepared
- MAY 26 - Board Meeting-Authorize Distribution of Draft Environmental Document & Set Public Hearing date of July 14
- MAY 27 - Distribution of draft environmental documentation
- MAY 29 - Final IID/MWD Agreement to MWD w/copies to PVID, CVWD & USBR
- JUN 01 - Farmers' responses deadline
- JUN 09 - MWD Approval of IID/MWD Agreement
- JUN 15 - Contracts w/ Farmers Confirmed
- JUN 18 - PVID Approval of IID/MWD Agreement
- JUN 25 - CVWD Approval of IID/MWD Agreement
- JUL 01 - End of Public Review Period - of Environmental Documents
- JUL 14 - Board Meeting:
 - a) Public Hearing
 - b) Approve Environmental Documents
 - c) Approve Project
 - d) Approve IID/MWD Agreement
- JUL 19 - File Notice of Determination w/ County Clerk
- JUL 25 to
AUG 25 - Start Program