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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Executive Secretary

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To: Board of Directors (Engineering and Operations Committee--Information)
From: General Manager
Subject: San Diego Pipeline No. 6--Status of Environmental Impact Report,
Mitigation Planning and Strategy

Report

Metropolitan and the San Diego County Water Authority (Authority) are jointly preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for San Diego Pipeline No. 6. A Draft EIR is currently being reviewed by Metropolitan and Authority staff, and will be released in Fall, 1992. The Notice of Preparation was issued for this project in October, 1991, in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

The proposed San Diego Pipeline No. 6 is a nine-foot diameter raw water conveyance pipeline which begins at Lake Skinner and terminates at the Authority diversion structure north of San Marcos in San Diego County. Metropolitan would share the cost of design and construction of this facility based on the historical delivery point 5.9 miles south of the Riverside County line. Metropolitan and the Authority would also share in the cost of mitigation of the environmental impacts of the project.

Three primary project alignment alternatives (West, Central and East) will be presented and analyzed in the EIR. Preliminary cost estimates for Metropolitan's portion of San Diego Pipeline No. 6 are between \$137 million and \$187 million. Right of Way and acquisition cost estimates are between \$5 million and \$20 million.

Pursuant to CEQA requirements to avoid or minimize environmental damage where feasible, Metropolitan and the Authority plan to mitigate impacts to sensitive biological resources in several ways. First, impacts to sensitive habitats in Riverside County will be mitigated by securing banked mitigation credits available in Metropolitan's existing Shipley preserve. Second, impacts to Stephens' kangaroo rat will be off-set through the Riverside County Stephens' kangaroo rat Habitat Conservation Plan. Third, impacts to endangered species and sensitive habitats in San Diego County will be mitigated by creation or acquisition of a new mitigation bank in San Diego County. Fourth, to minimize long-term impacts, on-site revegetation or enhancement will be pursued where viable. This bank will primarily be used to mitigate impacts of the Authority's Capital Improvement Program facilities. Metropolitan is assisting the Authority in developing the necessary studies and agreements for the creation of this bank.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter was referred for information to:

The Engineering and Operations Committee because it has responsibility for providing storage and distribution facilities for the delivery of water pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2431 (d).

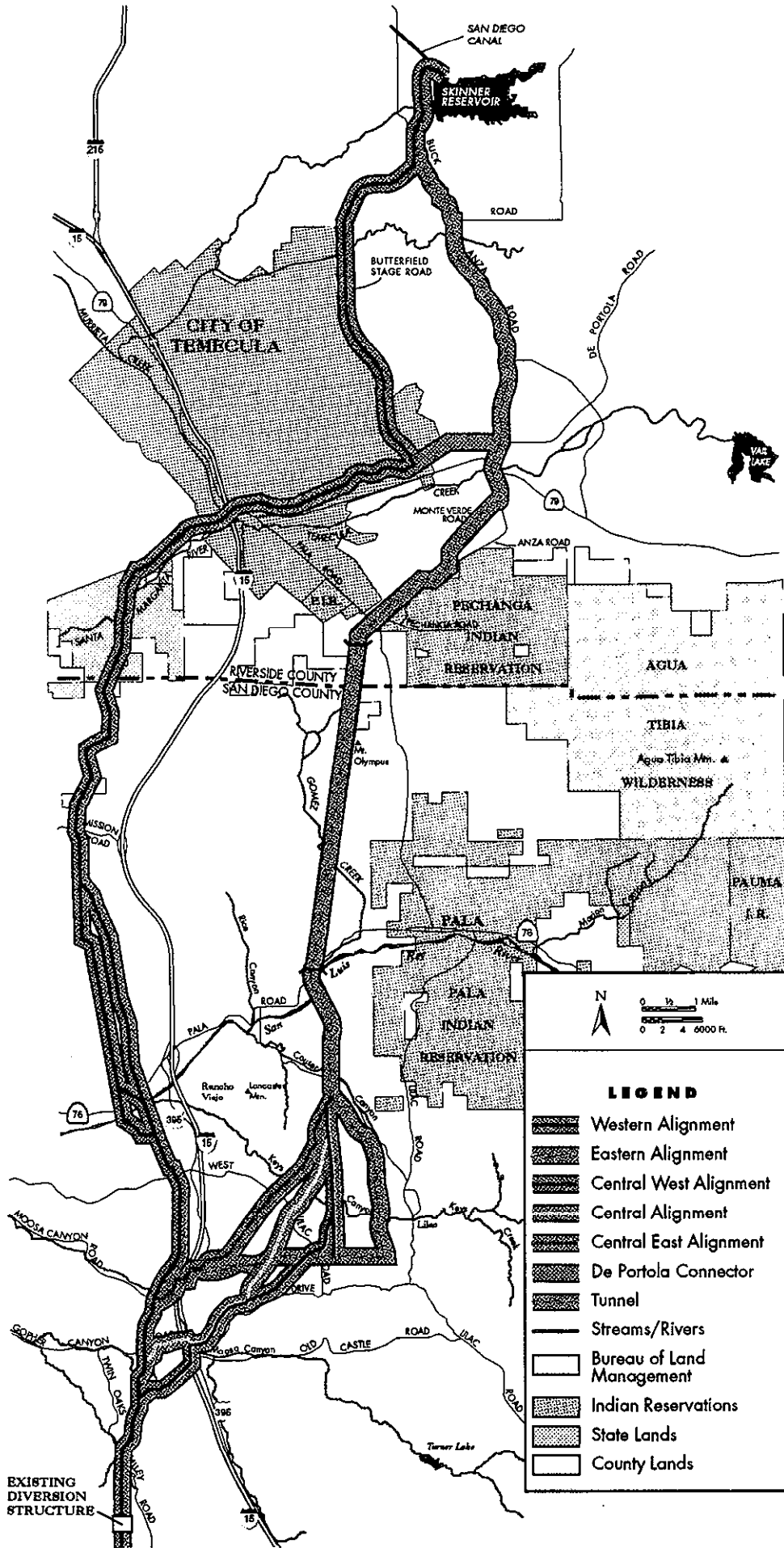
Recommendations

For information only.


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Attachment



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- Western Alignment
- Eastern Alignment
- Central West Alignment
- Central Alignment
- Central East Alignment
- De Portola Connector
- Tunnel
- Streams/Rivers
- Bureau of Land Management
- Indian Reservations
- State Lands
- County Lands

Scale: 0 1/2 1 Mile / 0 2 4 6000 Ft.

North Arrow: N

EXISTING DIVERSION STRUCTURE