

July 30, 1992

To:

Board of Directors (Water Problems Committee--Action)

From:

General Manager

Subject:

Member Agency Compliance With The Water Use Efficiency Guidelines

### Report

Requests for annexation into the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) are governed by Metropolitan's Administrative Code Section 3100 which among other things provides that in connection with said request, Metropolitan be furnished with a plan for implementing the water use efficiency guidelines which are set forth in Metropolitan's Administrative Code Section 3107.

Section 3107 of Metropolitan's Administrative Code, shown in Attachment "B", in part states that to the extent practicable, annexation areas which were first considered by the Board after October 9, 1990, shall comply with the water use efficiency guidelines which are detailed within the section. This Section also states that the member public agency within which the annexed area is located shall be responsible for assuring compliance with these provisions.

At its July 28, 1992 meeting, the Subcommittee to Review Annexations (Subcommittee), discussed such responsibility of all the member public agencies for assuring such compliance with the water use efficiency guidelines.

It was the consensus of the Subcommittee that the member agency should also provide a report to Metropolitan regarding such compliance.

### Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred to the Water Problems Committee for action because of its authority to review and consider requests for annexation, pursuant to Administrative Code Sections 2481 (g) and 3102.

## Recommendation

## Water Problems Committee for Action

It is recommended that Metropolitan Administrative Code Section 3107 be amended to read as set forth in Attachment "A".

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#### ATTACHMENT A

# § 3107. Water Use Efficiency Guidelines.

To the extent practicable, local water purveyors and owners of parcels as appropriate, within an area for which a request for annexation is first considered by the Board after October 9, 1990, shall comply with the following:

- (a) Annual water demand shall be minimized by incorporating water conservation measures into the development plans. Use of local groundwater, surface water, and reclaimed wastewater supplies shall be maximized to reduce demands on the District.
- (b) Peak demands on the District shall be minimized by construction and operation of local storage and groundwater production facilities. In cases where the annexed area is served by an existing water delivery system, this provision may be satisfied by showing that these facilities will be added to the existing system.
- (c) Reclaimed wastewater or other non-potable water shall be used on all golf courses; decorative lakes; and other landscaped areas exceeding one acre, including multi-family complexes, commercial and industrial developments, and similar areas. Reclaimed wastewater and other non-potable supplies shall be used for industrial processes and other suitable uses. If such supplies do not presently exist, a dual distribution system shall be constructed to accommodate such supplies when they become available in the future.
- (d) "Best management practices" conservation measures, as identified by the District from time to time, shall be applied in all new and existing developments within the annexed area. At least one model home constructed in each new development within the annexed area shall demonstrate a water conserving landscape.
- (e) Local storage, groundwater production capacity, system interconnections, and other measures shall be able to sustain a 7-day interruption in service from the District.

The member public agency within which the annexed area is located shall be responsible for assuring compliance with these provisions and shall report to the District regarding such compliance.

#### ATTACHMENT B

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