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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

November 4, 1992

To: Board of Directors (Organization & Personnel Committee--Action
(Legal and Claims Committee--Action))

From: Chairman, Special Committee on Selection of General Counsel

Subject: Consultant to Assist in Selection of General Counsel

Report

In connection with the ongoing efforts to select a new General Counsel and related matters as discussed in closed session at the October Board meeting, the Special Committee on Selection of General Counsel has concluded that a consultant should provide assistance to it in: (1) the assessment of the structure, policies, and procedures of the General Counsel's office; and (2) identifying the present and future role of the General Counsel. It is believed that this assessment process will assist the Committee, and ultimately the Board, in weighing which candidate is best qualified to assume this office, and to permit the Board to give direction as to the manner in which the function will be carried out in the future.

With those objectives, the Special Committee identified four candidate firms who could provide such assistance and, on an expedited basis invited them to interviews in Los Angeles on November 4, 1992. As an incident to the invitation and as an incentive to participate in the interviews, out-of-town firms were advised that the Special Committee would seek authority from the Board to reimburse them for out-of-pocket travel expenses.

Based on the interviews, the Special Committee deemed Robert J. Logan, Esq., to be best qualified to provide the necessary review in a timely manner with the objective of providing a report to the Special Committee in advance of the December Board meeting. He would be reimbursed at the rate of \$165 per hour for his services. In addition he would be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of these services. If any Board member wishes to be personally interviewed by the consultant, please contact Karen E. Dorff.

Funding for these services is available under the amount budgeted for Board-related activities in the 1992-93 budget.

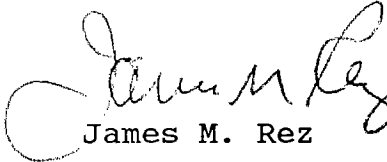
This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act since it cannot have any environmental effects.

Recommendations

ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.

1. That all participants in the interviews to select a consultant to provide services incidental to the selection of a General Counsel be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred for travel from outside the Los Angeles metropolitan area to participate in the interview.

2. That the Board authorize the Chairman of the Special Committee on Selection of the General Counsel to execute a contract with Robert J. Logan, Esq., to provide consultant services substantially on the terms outlined in this letter.


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