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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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November 24, 1992

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Membership in Western Urban Water Coalition

Report

On June 30, 1992, twenty-one major municipal water suppliers in the Western United States joined together to form the Western Urban Water Coalition (WUWC). The WUWC agencies serve more than 35 million people in California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Oregon and Washington. Members of WUWC include: the Denver Water Department, the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the City of Portland-Bureau of Water Works, the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City and the Seattle Water Department. California urban areas have been represented in this organization by the California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA), of which Metropolitan is a member. The WUWC was formed to provide a united voice to help urban water interests form sound water policy at the national and regional level.

Because CUWA represents many urban water agencies with differing views, CUWA has decided to allow its membership in WUWC to expire. However, many of the member agencies of CUWA are expected to join WUWC individually. The importance of developing water policy that reflects urban water interests has been aptly illustrated in the debates surrounding legislation this past year. The WUWC is expected to be a strong, united voice for western water policy in the future.

It is recommended that Metropolitan join WUWC as a full member. Dues for the WUWC are \$10,000 per year for full members. In considering this matter CUWA members determined to reduce its member dues from \$60,000 to \$50,000 annually, some members noting that the \$10,000 reduction would enable them to join WUWC as independent members.

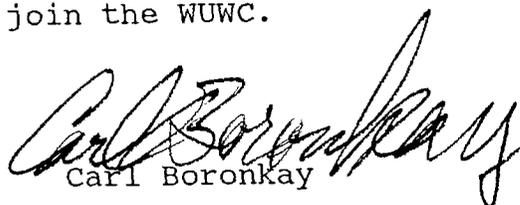
It is proposed that the \$10,000 reduction in CUWA dues be used to join WUWC. This would result in no negative impact to Metropolitan's budget.

Board Committee Assignment

This letter is referred for action to the Executive Committee because of its authority to provide policy guidance, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2417(e).

Recommendation

It is recommended that Metropolitan become a member of the Western Urban Water Coalition, and use \$10,000 previously budgeted for CUWA dues to join the WUWC.


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ATTACHMENT
Western Urban Water Coalition
Preliminary 1992 Program and Budget

Based on discussions at the November 22, 1991 organizing meeting, the following basic budget was approved for submittal to prospective Coalition Members. This budget is for planning purposes, and it will be reviewed and revised as appropriate at the first formal meeting of the Coalition.

Task 1	Basic Services	\$ 40,000
	Coordinate Coalition efforts including staff support, office services, records, and development of agendas. Planning and arrangements for four meetings to be held in 1992. Members will pay their costs of meeting attendance.	

Task 2	Federal Liaison Function	\$100,000
	Develop Congressional and Administration contacts and represent and coordinate common interest on Federal Water legislation and regulations.	

Task 3	Interest Group Meetings	\$ 20,000
	Hold at least 2 one-day Western Water Issues workshops with agricultural and/or environmental leaders.	

Total Preliminary 1992 WUWC Budget \$160,000