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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

May 17, 1993

(Executive Committee--Action)  
*To:* Board of Directors (Special Committee on Legislation--Action)  
*From:* General Manager  
*Subject:* Support for Congressional Appropriation of Funds for  
Disinfection By-Products Research

### Report

The American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF) plans to seek Federal funds to finance disinfection by-products (DBP) research. Specifically, AWWARF proposes to commit \$1.5 million per year for the next five years to conduct DBP research, contingent upon Congress appropriating an additional \$4 million per year for five years for this purpose. AWWARF also proposes to establish an advisory committee comprised of representatives involved in the DBP negotiated rulemaking to oversee the DBP research program.

Funding for DBP research is crucial for the development of future DBP regulations. The current draft agreement between the participants in the DBP negotiated rulemaking stipulates that another negotiation will occur in 1998, to determine whether or not the DBP regulations must be changed. The Negotiating Committee agreed that there are insufficient data on DBP health effects and treatment capabilities at this time, and that it is necessary to renegotiate the rule in 1998. It was also agreed that the minimum amount of money that would be needed to provide the data needed to inform the regulatory process is \$30 million.

AWWARF needs the support of others in the water supply community to encourage Congress to appropriate research funds for this purpose.

### Board Committee Assignments

This letter was referred for action to:

The Executive Committee because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to

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legislation affecting the District, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2417(a); and

The Special Committee on Legislation because it involves a legislative matter that may affect Metropolitan pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2581(a).

Recommendation

That the Board actively support legislation to appropriate Federal funds for the purposes of DBP research.

  
for General Manager

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