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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

August 3, 1993

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)
 (Special Committee on Legislation--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Support of Assembly Bill 958 (Bronshvag-Kentfield)

Report

Assembly Bill 958 (AB 958), amended on June 29, 1993 by Assembly Member Bronshvag (Kentfield), would authorize a public entity that supplies water at retail to include reduced rates in its rate structure design for customers who undertake all practicable water conservation measures in conformance with best management practices (BMPs) described in the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Urban Water Conservation in California. Previously, your Board authorized support for AB 1712 (Lee et al.) which would allow a public entity which supplies water at retail to adopt any ordinance or resolution encouraging water conservation through rate structure design. Similarly, Metropolitan should support this bill since it would allow Metropolitan's member agencies and subagencies to provide incentives for water conservation through rate structure design on the retail level.

Board Committee Assignments

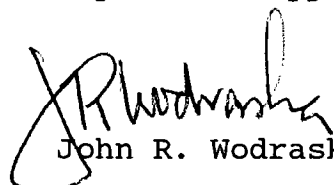
This letter is referred for action to:

The Executive Committee because it involves legislation which may affect the District, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2417(a); and

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

Recommendation

It is recommended that Metropolitan support Assembly Bill 958.


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Attachment

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 29, 1993

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1993-94 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 958

Introduced by Assembly Member **Cortese Bronshvag**

March 1, 1993

An act to amend Section ~~10620~~ of add Section 375.5 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 958, as amended, **Cortese Bronshvag**. **Urban water management Water conservation programs: rate structure design.**

Existing law requires every person that becomes an urban water supplier after December 31, 1984, to adopt an urban water management plan within one year after becoming an urban water supplier.

This bill would delete that date.

Existing law authorizes a public entity, as defined, that supplies water at retail, to adopt and enforce a water conservation program to conserve water supplies.

This bill would also authorize a public entity to include, in its rate structure design, reduced rates for customers who undertake all practicable water conservation measures in conformance with best management practices, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes
no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 other governmental agencies.

1 SECTION 1. Section 10620 of the Water Code is
2 SECTION 1. Section 375.5 is added to the Water
3 Code, to read:

4 375.5. A public entity may include, in its rate
5 structure design, reduced rates for customers who
6 undertake all practicable water conservation measures in
7 conformance with best management practices, as
8 described in the Memorandum of Understanding
9 Regarding Urban Water Conservation in California,
10 dated September 1991.

11 amended to read:

12 10620. (a) Every urban water supplier shall prepare
13 and adopt an urban water management plan in the
14 manner set forth in Article 3 (commencing with Section
15 10640).

16 (b) Every person that becomes an urban water
17 supplier shall adopt an urban water management plan
18 within one year after it has become an urban water
19 supplier.

20 (c) An urban water supplier indirectly providing
21 water shall not include planning elements in its water
22 management plan as provided in Article 2 (commencing
23 with Section 10620) that would be applicable to urban
24 water suppliers or public agencies directly providing
25 water, or to their customers, without the consent of those
26 suppliers or public agencies.

27 (d) (1) An urban water supplier may satisfy the
28 requirements of this part by participation in areawide,
29 regional, watershed, or basinwide urban water
30 management planning where those plans will reduce
31 preparation costs and contribute to the achievement of
32 conservation and efficient water use.

33 (2) Each urban water supplier shall coordinate the
34 preparation of its urban water shortage contingency plan
35 with other urban water suppliers and public agencies in
36 the area, to the extent practicable.

37 (e) The urban water supplier may prepare the plan
38 with its own staff, by contract, or in cooperation with

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