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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

August 3, 1993

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

From: General Manager

Subject: Funding for Metropolitan's Share of Consultant Services under
 the State Water Contractors Bay/Delta General Fund

Report

On October 17, 1989, your Board approved the concept of establishing an annual funding contribution for Metropolitan's share of the State Water Contractors' (SWC) costs of participation in the State Water Resources Control Board's Bay/Delta hearing proceedings and other related federal and State regulatory proceedings. Since then, staff has presented annual requests to your Board to contribute funding for SWC Bay/Delta expenses.

On February 18, 1993, the SWC Board of Directors approved and requested the collection of \$250,000 in contributions from SWC member agencies to support the Bay/Delta General Fund for fiscal year 1993-94. Metropolitan's share of the total expenses is 25 percent, or \$62,500.

The expenses to be incurred under this account cover the services of consultants who provide information and advise on technical and legal issues affecting the interests of the SWC, including Metropolitan. The present focus of activity is on the current and proposed listing of species under the federal Endangered Species Act by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the current proposal by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to set water quality standards for the Bay/Delta estuary under its Clean Water Act authority.

Funds for these services have been budgeted in the District's Operations and Maintenance budget. The General Counsel has reviewed and concurs with the funding recommendation. This action is categorically exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because it involves an activity that does not have a significant effect on the environment.

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Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred to:

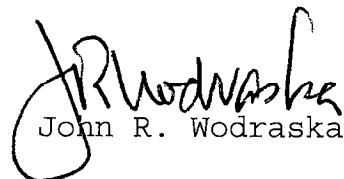
The Executive Committee for action because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to policies and procedures to be considered by the Board under Administrative Code Section 2417(e); and

The Water Problems Committee for information because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to policies, sources, and means of importing water required by the District, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2481(a); and

Recommendation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.

It is recommended that the General Manager be authorized to pay \$62,500 to the State Water Contractors for consultant services for fiscal year 1993-94 related to Bay/Delta issues affecting the vested interests of the SWC, including Metropolitan.


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