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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

August 30, 1993

(Executive Committee--Action)
To: Board of Directors (Water Problems Committee--Action)
From: General Manager
Subject: Resolution to Endorse Reclaimed Water Pricing Policies

Report

The Local Projects Program (LPP) demonstrates Metropolitan's commitment to promoting the use of reclaimed water as a reliable, local water supply throughout its service area. In addition to establishing the LPP, Metropolitan's Board has traditionally given its support to rules and legislation which promote the use and development of reclaimed water. Metropolitan, for example, has consistently supported the passage of federal and State legislation providing financial assistance and mandating the use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes.

In March 1989 and June 1993, respectively, the Boards of Directors of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD) adopted water pricing policies that further promote the use of recycled water within their respective service areas. Under the adopted water rates, reclaimed water users experience up to a 35 percent discount on their water bills, while customers rejecting available reclaimed water service face a 50 percent increase on their water bills. Other water agencies in Southern California have adopted similar ordinances, resolutions, and water rates.

At a meeting in August, member agency managers supported the concept of reclaimed water pricing to encourage reclaimed water use. As a result, your Board is requested to approve a resolution that endorses pricing incentives and disincentives to promote the use of reclaimed water.

This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because it does not constitute approval of any project.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred for action to:

The Water Problems Committee pursuant to Section 2481(j) of Metropolitan's Administrative Code granting it authority over policies dealing with water reclamation and reuse.

The Executive Committee for action pursuant to Section 2417(e) of Metropolitan's Administration Code granting it authority over policies to be considered by the Board.

Recommendation

Water Problems Committee and Executive Committee for Action.

That the Board approve the attached resolution for endorsing water pricing policies that encourage use of reclaimed water.


General Manager

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Attachment

Resolution

Resolution of the
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board of Directors Endorsing Water Pricing Policies
that Encourage Use of Reclaimed Water

WHEREAS, Division 7, Chapter 7, Article 7 of the Water Code declares that the use of potable water for designated non-potable purposes is a waste and constitutes an unreasonable use of water if suitable reclaimed water is available;

WHEREAS, water reclamation projects reduce the use and waste of potable water in Metropolitan's service area;

WHEREAS, reclaimed water can be safely and economically used for a wide variety of irrigation and industrial purposes;

WHEREAS, use of reclaimed water provides benefits to all residents in the region by reducing the need for imported supplies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors endorse reclaimed water pricing policies that encourage use of reclaimed water.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its meeting held September 21, 1993.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California