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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Executive Secretary

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To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Information)  
(Water Problems Committee--Information)  
(Special Committee on Legislation--Information)

From: General Manager

Subject: Revision Of the Urban Water Management Planning Act

Report

In 1983, the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act) was passed into law. The Act required urban water suppliers serving more than 3,000 acre-feet of water per year or with more than 3,000 service connections to prepare and file an urban water management plan (Plan) with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). As a wholesaler of water, Metropolitan was initially exempted from the Act. However, Metropolitan prepared Plans in 1985 and 1990 for its own planning purposes and to assist its member and sub-agencies in the preparation of their plans.

The Act has been amended three times since being chaptered into law. The amendments to the Act have created ambiguous and contradictory language and reporting requirements. One of the amendments to the Act, AB 11X, requires that Metropolitan prepare and file a Plan. Metropolitan's plan, the Regional Urban Water Management Plan, is due for revision in 1995. The previous amendments and implementation of the Urban Water Conservation Best Management Practices have created a need to revise the Act to bring it up-to-date with the present state of water management and conservation practices. Revising the Act will be of significant benefit to Metropolitan and other urban water agencies that must comply with the Act.

Recognizing that there was a need to revise the Act, staff from DWR initiated a meeting in October of 1993 to discuss potential revisions. This initial meeting evolved into a series of meetings that have involved Metropolitan, DWR, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Southern California Water Company, San Diego County Water Authority, Eastern Municipal Water District and the City of Santa Monica. The Santa Clara Valley Water District, League of Women Voters, Natural Heritage Institute, and the California Urban Water Agencies have been informed of all the proceedings involved with the revision process. It is

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the consensus of the participants that the Act needs to be revised. Proposed revisions will correct existing ambiguities and contradictions. The proposed revisions will not mandate any new requirements or activities on the part of urban water suppliers.

The participating agencies have developed a draft bill for introduction this year. The draft bill is the result of the participating agencies reaching agreement on the revisions that are needed. The participating agencies still need to agree on a sponsor in the Legislature. When a bill has been introduced, staff will seek formal support from your Board.

#### Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred for information to:

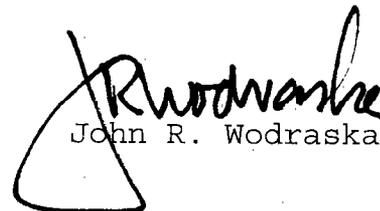
The Executive Committee because it involves legislation which may affect the District, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2417(a);

The Water Problems Committee for information because of its authority with regard to policies regarding water conservation, reclamation, reuse and underground storage of water pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2481(i); 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

For information only.

  
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