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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Dennis E. Wolf
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

February 25, 1994

To: Board of Directors (Organization & Personnel Committee--Action)
(Legal & Claims Committee--Action)

From: General Counsel

Subject: Retention of Bruce Briggs Professional Investigations

Report

In June of 1993, the General Counsel, pursuant to his authority retained Bruce Briggs Professional Investigations, to investigate and render periodic reports regarding several matters involving sensitive and confidential investigations of individual District employees and procedures related to pending litigation and personnel actions. Bruce Briggs, sole proprietor of Bruce Briggs Professional Investigations, is a former police officer with the City of Laguna Beach, retiring with more than 15 years of service. Mr. Briggs previously provided investigative services relating to the criminal charges against former General Manager Carl Boronkay which stemmed from the Diemer chemical spill in 1989. All work done by Mr. Briggs to date has been completed in a timely and satisfactory manner.

The original Agreement with Mr. Briggs was in the amount of \$10,000. That Agreement has since been amended twice and currently provides for a maximum amount payable of \$25,000. Mr. Briggs has indicated that an amendment providing for payments not exceeding \$50,000 should accommodate presently foreseeable services. Mr. Briggs' existing contract provides for an hourly billing rate of \$75 per hour. In addition, Mr. Briggs is entitled to his reasonable and necessary out of pocket expenses.

This action is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, because it can have no possible effect on the environment.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred for action to:

The Organization and Personnel Committee because of its authority under Administrative Code section 2471(g) to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to the terms and conditions of employment of all consultants and advisors; and

The Legal and Claims Committee because of its authority under Administrative Code section 2461(a) to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to litigation and claims against the District.

Recommendation

**ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL AND LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEES
FOR ACTION.**

It is recommended that the General Counsel be authorized to amend the existing contract with Bruce Briggs Professional Investigations to provide for total payments not to exceed \$50,000.


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