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To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Information)
(Land Committee--Information)
From: General Manager (Legal and Claims Committee--Information)
Subject: Response to Burkel and Faulkner February 1994 Board
Presentations Regarding Land Acquisition Activities in the
Domenigoni Valley

Report

At the February 1994 Board Meeting Mrs. Robin Burkel and Mrs. Barbara Faulkner presented their concerns relative to the District's handling of the acquisition and relocation assistance pertaining to parcels acquired by the District pursuant to an Order of Possession. The presentation related to Domenigoni Valley Parcels 144-001-137, 144-001-185, 144-001-305 (Burkel) and 144-001-263 (Faulkner).

The Right of Way and Land Division has responded in writing to the Burkel and Faulkner families addressing the concerns raised by each. Subsequent to the Burkel and Faulkners attendance and comments at the February Board meeting, staff has personally met with the respective families (and their representatives) in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues. Administrative offers to purchase, subject to Board approval, were extended to each party but were not accepted. Due to the nature of the outstanding issues, it was mutually agreed that further contact between Metropolitan and the Burkel and Faulkner family should originate between special legal counsel to Metropolitan and legal counsel to the Burkels and Faulkners.

The Burkels and Faulkners were assured verbally and by written correspondence that Metropolitan's handling of the acquisition of property and their relocation to a replacement site in connection with the Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Project has been carried out with the same standards of fairness and equity that has been applied by Metropolitan to all other property owners affected by the project.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred for information to:


The Executive Committee because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendation with regard to public information for governmental and other entities and officials, and for the citizens of California regarding matters affecting the District's interest, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2417 (b);

The Land Committee because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to policies for the fixing of purchase prices, and the initiation and conduct of condemnation and other proceedings relating to the purchase of land or interest in property and related negotiations, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2451 (g); and

The Legal and Claims Committee because of its authority to advise, study, and make recommendation with regard to litigation brought by the District under Administrative Code Section 2461 (a).

Recommendation

For information only.


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