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METROPOLITAN NAMES EDWARD G. MEANS III
HEAD OF ITS OPERATIONS DIVISION

Metropolitan Water District's board of directors today appointed Edward G. Means III as chief of operations. As chief, Means will direct Metropolitan's Operations Division, which comprises about half of the district's employees.

"Ed Means is an outstanding manager whose proven track record at Metropolitan makes him an excellent choice for this new position," said General Manager John R. Wodraska, who recommended Means' appointment to the board.

As chief of operations, Means will be in charge of the daily operations and maintenance of Metropolitan's regional water treatment and distribution system, including the district's 242-mile-long Colorado River Aqueduct. The system also includes 775 miles of large-diameter pipelines, five filtration plants, eight reservoirs and 14 hydroelectric power plants.

He will supervise a work force of about 1,000 employees, nearly half of the district's total personnel, and manage a \$90 million annual budget.

Means, who assumes his new duties July 3, at the beginning of the 1994-95 fiscal year, has served as director of Metropolitan's resources division since January 1993. There, he has been responsible for managing the district's
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Colorado River water delivery contracts, planning the use of groundwater storage basins, and finding water and power supplies to meet future demands.

He fills a vacancy left when his predecessor, Don Adams, died suddenly of a heart attack in November.

The author or co-author of more than 40 articles in scientific and industry journals, Means is a 1977 graduate of the University of California, Irvine, with a bachelor's degree in microbiology. He earned a master's degree, with honors, in public health microbiology at UC Irvine in 1980.

Means is a member of the American Water Works Association, the North American Lake Management Society and the American Society for Microbiology.

He serves on numerous committees for a variety of organizations in the water field, and was asked by the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) to serve as its representative on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's advisory committee on drinking water quality standards. His efforts in this activity garnered him the NWRA President's Award in 1993.

Means and his wife Chris live in Balboa with their two children.

Metropolitan is a regional water agency which imports water from Northern California and the Colorado River and delivers it on a wholesale basis to the coastal plain of Southern California.

Through its 27 member public agencies, the district provides almost 60 percent of the water used by nearly 16 million people living in portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

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