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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

April 20, 1994

To: Board of Directors (Engineering and Operations Committee--Action)
(Organization and Personnel Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Security and Protective Services Contract Renewal.

Report

On May 6, 1992, Metropolitan entered into a \$2.5 million agreement with Pedus Security Services for providing security at key Metropolitan facilities for a period of 11 months beginning August 1, 1992 and ending June 30, 1993. The contract provides for four 12-month extensions at Metropolitan's option.

At your regular June 1993 Board meeting, you approved Metropolitan's exercising the first of the four one-year optional contract extensions, increasing the annual amount to \$2.9 million to cover such additional services as providing protective services at the Domenigoni Reservoir site, and use of additional vehicles and radios. The amount was also increased to cover the additional month not covered in the original 11-month term.

We have carefully reviewed our security needs for 1994/95 and are adjusting the service level required. This has resulted in savings of approximately \$250,000. Even with this saving, we will not compromise the high level of security we provide at our facilities. The recommended annual cost of this contract extension is \$2.65 million. Funds for these services are available from the 1994/95 Annual Budget Appropriation, pending approval by your Board.

Metropolitan is billed by Pedus for actual services rendered, on an hourly basis. The lead supervisor is billed at \$22.77 per hour; the lowest ranking security officer at \$15.03 per hour. These rates are competitive with other security firms and are lower than the cost of hiring internal security.

Pedus Services is an equal opportunity employer and a copy of its affirmative action plan is on file with Metropolitan.

The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because it does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred for action to:

The Engineering and Operations Committee because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to the operation, protection, and maintenance of the plants and facilities required for the production, exchange, sale, storage, treatment and delivery of water and power and for the storage and treatment of water pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2431(c).

The Organization and Personnel Committee because of its authority to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of employment for professional services pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2471(g).

Recommendation

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES FOR ACTION.

It is recommended that the Board approve renewal of its contract for security and protective services with Pedus Security Services, in an amount estimated at \$2.65 million for a 12-month term from July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995, with the option to renew up to 24 months on a fiscal year-to-year basis.


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