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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

August 5, 1994

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)
Board of Directors (Water Problems Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Metropolitan's Contribution to the State Water Contractors'
Bay/Delta Fund and the Bay/Delta Special Urban Account

Report

On October 17, 1989, your Board approved making annual payments to the State Water Contractors Inc. (SWC) for joint participation in the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Bay/Delta proceedings and other related federal and State regulatory proceedings. Subsequent to that year, staff has presented annual requests to your Board to contribute funding to SWC's Bay/Delta Fund, and since fiscal year (FY) 1993-94, Metropolitan has contributed to SWC's Bay/Delta Special Urban Account. Metropolitan's contributions to these accounts are separate and in addition to any payments made for SWC membership dues.

This year, staff requests that your Board authorize a contribution of \$69,446.76, which includes \$37,500.00 for the Bay/Delta Fund and \$31,946.76 for the Bay/Delta Special Urban Account:

1. The Bay/Delta Fund: The SWC Board of Directors approved its Bay/Delta Fund budget of \$235,000 for FY 1994-95. Of this amount, \$150,000 will come from current-year contributions from SWC members and the remainder will come from the fund's carry-over from last year. By agreement, Metropolitan contributes 25 percent of the annual budget for this fund. This budget will fund legal services, biological consulting services, and water supply impact studies of proposed regulations associated with ongoing SWRCB proceedings and the Endangered Species Act during FY 1994-95. Metropolitan's contribution into this fund for FY 1994-95 is \$37,500.

2. Bay/Delta Special Urban Account: The SWC Board of Directors approved a Special Urban Account budget of \$45,000 for FY 1994-95. Metropolitan's contribution to this fund is based on a pro-rata apportionment according to the amount of SWP entitlement relative to other urban contractors. This fund pays for work on special Bay/Delta issues related specifically to the SWC's urban contractors or for activities the urban contractors alone choose to undertake and fund. This fund has been used for representation on Bay/Delta regulatory issues in Washington, D.C. by the law firm Perkins Coie. Metropolitan's contribution to this fund for FY 1994-95 is \$31,946.76.

Funds for these services are in Metropolitan's approved Operations and Maintenance budget. The General Counsel has reviewed this proposal and concurs with the funding recommendation. This action is categorically exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because it involves an activity that does not have a significant effect on the environment.

Board Committee Assignments

This letter is referred to:

The Executive Committee for action because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to policies and procedures to be considered by the Board under Administrative Code Section 2417 (e); and

The Water Problems Committee for information because of its authority to study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to policies, sources, and means of importing water required by the District, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 2481 (a).

Recommendation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.

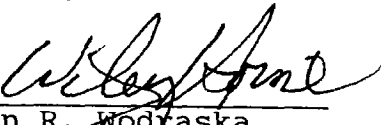
It is recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to contribute a total of \$69,446.76 to the

State Water Contractors (\$37,500.00 for the Bay/Delta Fund and \$31,946.76 for the Bay/Delta Special Urban Account) for projects and programs in fiscal year 1994-95 related to Bay/Delta issues affecting the State Water Project interests of Metropolitan.

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