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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

September 20, 1994

(Executive Committee--Action)
To: Board of Directors (Special Committee on Water Quality and
Environmental Compliance--Action)
From: General Manager
Subject: Membership in Southern California Alliance of
Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP)

Report

The Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP), created in July 1992, is an association of cities, special districts and other public agencies formed to concentrate their resources to ensure the passage of reasonable local, State and Federal regulations and legislation impacting publicly owned treatment works (POTWs). Its primary goals are to proactively work together to influence regulations and legislation impacting POTWs, in order to seek a balance between protection of the environment and the economic viability of communities impacted by the regulations or legislation.

The SCAP membership is currently composed of Southern California public agencies primarily engaged in the collection, treatment, disposal, recycling or reuse of wastewater and its residuals; however, the membership is also open to drinking water agencies. Many of SCAP's members serve as both water and wastewater agencies for the communities they serve, and several of the current SCAP members are member agencies or subagencies of Metropolitan.

SCAP is governed by a Board of Directors, which is made up of one individual from each Southern California county that has a SCAP member. Annual dues for SCAP member agencies are based on size and wastewater flows and range from \$1000 for smaller agencies to \$24,000 for the largest agencies.

Membership in SCAP would be beneficial for Metropolitan and its member agencies for the following reasons:

- SCAP membership will enable participation by staff from the Water Quality, Environmental Compliance and other Divisions in SCAP's committees, which work to monitor and influence the development of environmental regulations which impact both Southern California wastewater and drinking water agencies. These committees specifically address the following: 1) air quality, 2) water issues, 3) fees and charges, and 4) bio-solids. Metropolitan will benefit most directly from participation in the air quality and water issues committees.
- SCAP membership will provide an important opportunity for Southern California wastewater and drinking water agencies to coordinate on regulatory and legislative issues of concern to both groups.
- SCAP membership will provide a vehicle for coordination of applied research needs in the areas of water treatment and water resources management.
- SCAP membership will provide an opportunity for wastewater and drinking water agencies to educate each other about regulatory concerns unique to their agencies.

Metropolitan has been invited to join SCAP on a one-year trial membership, with dues in the amount of \$2,000 for fiscal year 1994/95. It is proposed that Metropolitan and SCAP would review the membership, as well as the dues, following one full year of membership in the organization. Metropolitan will be the first SCAP member which is primarily a drinking water supply agency. Our membership may stimulate the involvement of other drinking water agencies.

Sufficient funds are included in the District's 1994/95 fiscal year budget. The approval of the budget was coupled with the finding of necessity pertaining to dissemination of information required by Section 126 of the Metropolitan Water District Act and approved by two-thirds vote of the Board. The recommendation made in this letter may be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

Recommendation


EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WATER QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE FOR ACTION.

It is recommended that your Board authorize the General Manager to pursue membership for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works, and pay dues for fiscal year 1994/95, in the amount of \$2,000.

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