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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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*To:* Board of Directors (Water Problems Committee--Information)  
*From:* General Manager  
*Subject:* Public Process Activities for the Integrated Resources Plan

Report

Metropolitan's October 1993 Strategic Plan Assembly and June 1994 Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) Assembly were effective arenas for moving Southern California's water community toward consensus on regional water management issues. Through the hard work of all the participants at both Assemblies, consensus was reached on such difficult issues as an affordable resource mix, business and regional water management principles, and a shared vision of cooperative water management for Southern California. The third and final Assembly on the IRP effort is scheduled for January 26-28, 1995, at the Doubletree Hotel in San Pedro. This Assembly will be critical, for its participants will build on the work of the two previous Assemblies and consider policy questions critical to the successful implementation of the resources strategies adopted in the IRP.

An Assembly Steering Committee has once again been convened to guide preparations for the upcoming IRP Assembly. The Assembly Steering Committee is comprised of representatives of the three constituency groups participating in the Assembly. The Steering Committee members are as follows: Metropolitan Board members serving on the Integrated Resources Plan Steering Committee; Member Agency Representatives--Richard Atwater, Gerald Gewe, Donald Harriger, Donald Kendall, Lester Snow, Stan Sprague, and Ane Deister; and Metropolitan staff--Tim Quinn, Wiley Horne, Debra Man, Ed Means, Gary Snyder, Jay Malinowski, and Bert Becker. Dr. Lance deHaven-Smith of the Institute of Government in Tallahassee, Florida will return to facilitate the Assembly.

The Assembly Steering Committee will meet several times in December and early January to coordinate planning activities and review and approve issue questions and background papers for the Assembly.

In order to clearly inform outside groups about the Integrated Resources Plan and obtain valuable input from interested parties at critical decision points in the IRP, additional public process activities have been scheduled. Three public forums have been scheduled to obtain input from our member agencies and subagencies, State and local elected officials, public interest groups, and business and industry. In addition, member agency workshops on the IRP and breakfast briefings for local elected officials have been scheduled. The attachment provides a summary of these scheduled events.

To assist in informing all interested parties about the IRP and the planned public forums and workshops, a number of public process tools are being developed. These tools will be made available to our member agencies and include the following: (1) a series of IRP newsletters announcing important events and summarizing the outcome of the workshops, public forums and Assembly; (2) an IRP brochure aimed at the retail customer; (3) a short video on the IRP process; (4) a rates brochure describing the financial structure and rates issues associated with the IRP; and (5) a briefing book to be used at the scheduled breakfast briefings.

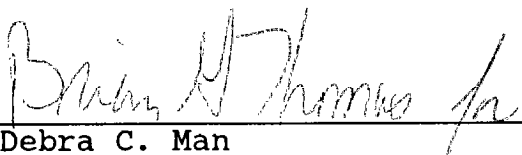
Taken together, the planned public process tools and activities are intended to inform the public on the importance and the results of the IRP process, and to provide an arena for obtaining valuable input to the IRP process. Your Board will be provided with updates as the IRP public process activities progress.

Recommendation

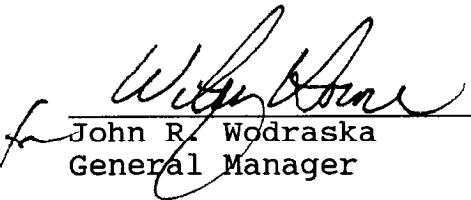
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**IRP PUBLIC PROCESS SCHEDULED EVENTS****1. Local Officials Breakfast Briefings:**

9/22/94	Culver City	(Location: Red Lion)
11/15/94	San Gabriel Valley	(Location: Marriott)
12/9/94	Pasadena	(Location: TBD)
1/95	Carlsbad	(Location and Date: TBD)

**2. Member Agency Workshops:**

12/5/94	Three Valleys MWD	(Location: Rowland Water Dist)
1/3/95	SDCWA	(Location: SDCWA)
1/6/95	Orange County Member Agencies	(Location: MWDOC)

**3. Public Forums:**

1/11/95	Industry Hills	(Location: Sheraton)
1/12/95	Escondido	(Location: California Center for the Arts)
1/14/95	Woodland Hills	(Location: Marriott)

**4. IRP Assembly:**

1/26-28/95	San Pedro	(Location: Doubletree Hotel)
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