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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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January 24, 1995

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)
From: General Manager
Subject: Participation in the NWRA Special Legislative Fund

Report

The District has received a request from the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) to assist with funding for their legislative activities. Specifically, NWRA has requested that Metropolitan commit to \$30,000 over a three-year period to augment their Special Legislative Fund.

The District does not pay dues directly to NWRA. Rather, we pay the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) approximately \$40,000 a year and a portion of those funds are paid from ACWA to NWRA. If viewed as an increase in membership dues, NWRA's request amounts to an increase of \$10,000 a year for a specified period of time.

Staff has discussed the request with NWRA and advised them that we would request of our Board authority to pay \$10,000 in this, the first year of their request, without a commitment to continue that funding in the future. A determination would be made next year, pending a report from NWRA on how the funds were used, to continue the same level of funding for two additional years.

NWRA has been extremely helpful in federal legislation and regulatory activities; especially the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. All of these activities are expected to be taken up by the 104th Congress and NWRA will continue to be an important representative in these activities.

Sufficient funds are included in the District's 1994-95 fiscal year operation and maintenance budget to cover these costs. 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.

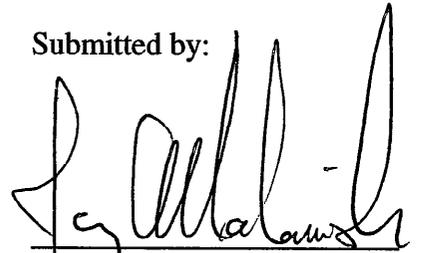
This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because it will not have a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse effect on the environment.

Recommendation

That your Board approve the expenditure of \$10,000 to augment NWRA's Special Legislative Fund for the 1994 Calendar Year.

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Concur:



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