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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 27, 1994

To: Board of Directors (Water Problems Committee -- Information)
(Finance and Insurance Committee -- Information)

From: General Manager

Subject: Reduction in Appropriations for United States Bureau of
Reclamation Co-participation in Southern California Water
Conservation Projects for Federal Fiscal Year 1994-95

Report

In December 1993, conservation staff negotiated an agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for \$1 million in federal fiscal year (FFY) 1993-94 and \$2.5 million in FFY 1994-95 to support Southern California conservation projects. In the Spring, USBR increased the funding to \$2.65 million, but requested that \$0.35 million in funding be reserved for the Executive Partnership for Environmental Resources Training (EXPERT) Program. The remaining \$2.3 million was allocated in August among member agency projects based upon scores received from a selection panel formed to evaluate project proposals developed by interested agencies.

Following project selection, Metropolitan submitted a formal proposal to USBR in September 1994. At that time, USBR indicated that it would transmit a contract modification to Metropolitan adding the \$2.65 million allocation to the existing FFY 1993-94 contract. However, in October 1994, Congress reduced its appropriation for USBR's Lower Colorado Region by \$2 million. In response, USBR's regional management decided to allocate only \$1.15 million to Southern California water conservation projects, a reduction of \$1.5 million. In an effort to remedy the funding shortfall, Secretary of the Interior, Dan Beard, directed regional USBR staff to make every effort to fulfill the funding commitment made to Southern California water conservation projects.

Upon signature of the contract modification, expected momentarily, Metropolitan can request immediate transfer of the initial \$1.15 million. As unexpended funds from other USBR programs become available, USBR has verbally promised they will be transferred to Metropolitan in increments. USBR staff anticipates that by the end of FFY 1994-95, the entire \$2.65 million will be available. Along

with the amendment, Metropolitan is forwarding a letter to Commissioner Beard encouraging USBR to find the additional funding and fulfill its commitment to Metropolitan and its member agencies.

Attached is a letter from USBR indicating its funding priorities for the initial \$1.15 million. Initially, 12 projects will be funded. These projects were prioritized by USBR because of their time-sensitivity and irretractable external commitments. USBR has also recommended an allocation process for directing any additional funding that may become available among the remaining 26 projects based upon ranking and contracting status.

Staff has prepared a letter notifying member agencies selected for USBR co-funded conservation projects in FFY 1994-95 of the reduced USBR appropriations. Your Board will be updated regarding the status of the funding as it is provided or if it becomes apparent that it will not be available.

Recommendation

For information only.

John R. Wodraska
General Manager

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Attachment



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Subject: Reclamation's Participation in the Southern California Conservation
Project in Fiscal Year 1995

Dear Mr. Wodraska:

As a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Urban Water Conservation, Reclamation is committed to facilitating the implementation of Best Management Practices in California. In Federal fiscal year 1994, Reclamation co-participated with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and its member and subagencies in 27 local conservation projects. Reclamation looked forward to continuing the success of this partnership in Federal fiscal year 1995, ending September 30, 1995, by providing funding for additional conservation projects by negotiating a commitment of \$2.65 million to Southern California.

In spite of our request for \$2.65 million, Congress only appropriated \$1.15 million for Reclamation's co-participation in Southern California water conservation projects in Federal fiscal year 1995. This level of funding is not sufficient to immediately co-participate in all of the projects originally selected to receive Reclamation funds. The Commissioner has conveyed his strong support of this program and has requested we make every possible effort to obtain the additional funds. On a Reclamation-wide basis, these funds are being requested.

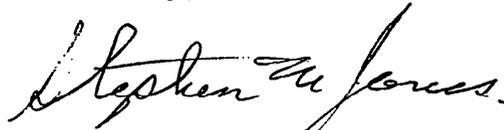
As an interim solution, Reclamation will fund the most time-sensitive projects first, with the expectation that all projects will be funded before the end of the Federal fiscal year 1995. Initial funding priority will be given to those projects that have irrevocable commitments for immediate implementation in various Southern California communities. Most of these projects are high school or community-based organization (CBO) toilet distribution projects. For CBO projects, the vitality of the organizations may depend heavily upon the successful completion of the toilet projects. In the case of high school projects, many agencies have established dates for the distributions and have initiated marketing efforts.

Enclosed is the implementation schedule for all projects selected for Reclamation co-funding in Federal fiscal year 1995. The first group of projects will receive

immediate funding, to an amount of \$1,150,000. Projects not receiving immediate Reclamation funding are listed in the second group and ranked according to the score that they received from the selection panel that met in August 1994. Funds will be committed to the second group of projects as they become available and as the projects are ready for implementation. We anticipate that additional funding will be disbursed in increments until all projects have been fully co-funded.

On behalf of Reclamation, I would like to assure you that we will make every effort to find additional funding for all of these selected Southern California water conservation projects. We look forward to working with you throughout the year on all of these innovative conservation initiatives. If you have any additional questions, please call me at (702) 293-8186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen M. Jones".

Stephen M. Jones
Water Conservation Team Leader

Enclosure

Attachment A

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Conservation Projects FY 1994-95

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Member	Subagency	Program Description
Upper San Gabriel Valley		2,661 ULFT High School
Eastern MWD		2,661 ULFT High School
Compton		1,000 ULFT High School
Western	Jurupa	1,000 ULFT High School
Burbank		800 ULFT H.S. Program using a CBO
Calleguas		2,000 ULFT CBO
SDCWA		2,661 ULFT Non-homeowner Voucher Prog.
West Basin		1,000 ULFT CBO Program
Central Basin		1,000 ULFT CBO Program
Glendale		ULFT CBO Program (approx. 2000)
MWDOC	El Toro	616 ULF Pressure Toilet and LF showerheads+
ExPERT, Inc		ULF Toilet Program & Resource Training

DEFERRED PROJECTS

Score	Member	Subagency	Program Description
14	Coastal MWD	San Clemente	Interest Free/ Rebate Fund
13	SDCWA		200 Clothes Washers
12	City of Long Beach		2,661 UFLT CBO Program
12	MWDOC		2,661 ULFT "County Block Program"
12	Coastal MWD	South Coast	1,000 ULFT Direct Installation/retrofit
12	City of San Fernando		766 Residential Indoor Surveys w/retrofit
11	West Basin MWD		Low-income residential audit & ULFT
11	Calleguas	Camarillo	1,500 ULFT Rebate w/ Audit
10	Upper San Gabriel Valley		Skilled Nursing Facilities Surveys / retrofit
10	LADWP		Large Landscape Water Audit Pilot
10	City of Santa Monica		Central Computer Control System
10	City of Anaheim		Large Recreational Facility ULFT/urinal
9	Calleguas MWD		Purchase of Leak Detection Device
9	Three Valleys	City of Covina	CII Analyst Surveys
9	Calleguas MWD		CII Analyst Survey Program
9	Upper San Gabriel Valley		Large Landscape Water Audit Pilot
9	City of Compton		Compton School District Irrigation Audit
8	Three Valleys	Rowland	500 ULFT Rebate Program
8	Upper District	So. Cal Water	CII Analyst Survey Program

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8	Three Valleys	La Verne	CII Analyst Survey Program
8	Three Valleys	Walnut Valley	CII Analyst and Consultant Survey Program
8	Three Valleys	City of Covina	Large Landscape Water Audit Program
8	Eastern MWD		Large Landscape Water Audit Program
8	City of Anaheim		Park Irrigation Audit and Central Computer
8	Las Virgenes MWD		Irrigation Scheduling Pilot Program
8	City of Pasadena		Landscape Irrigation Audit and Incentive