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 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

January 26, 1995

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)
From: Chairman, Blue Ribbon Task Force Ad Hoc Committee
Subject: Completion of Blue Ribbon Task Force Assignment

Attached you will find a letter from Nelson Rising, chair of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, addressed to the Chairman of our Board, bringing to a close the Task Force's work.

I concur with Mr. Rising's sentiments that the Task Force was a valuable exercise and I appreciate the spirit of cooperation that existed among it, our Board and staff. The District was able to implement a large percentage of recommendations made by the Task Force and their findings represent a meaningful guidebook for the future that should be reviewed by staff from time to time.

With Mr. Rising's letter essentially ending this process, I am recommending to the Executive Committee of our Board that the ad hoc committee I chair be dissolved with gratitude to Mr. Rising and the other members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force. A brief brochure describing the Blue Ribbon Task Force process has been prepared and will be distributed at the Executive Committee meeting as well as the full Board. I thank the Executive Committee and the Chairman for the opportunity to work closely on this project and my appreciation also to the other members of the ad hoc committee who contributed to the success of this entire project.

[Signature]
 Charles D. Barker

Attachment



NELSON C. RISING
President and Chief Executive Officer

January 20, 1995

Mr. John V. Foley
Chairman of the Board
Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, California 90054-0153

Dear Jack:

I want to take this opportunity to bring to closure the work of the Blue Ribbon Task Force that I was pleased to chair over the past two years.

When I accepted this assignment, it was understood that there would be a sunset for the committee once our recommendations were made and the District had an opportunity to review those recommendations. We were very pleased with the reaction of your Board and the District staff to the end product of our many hours of work and study.

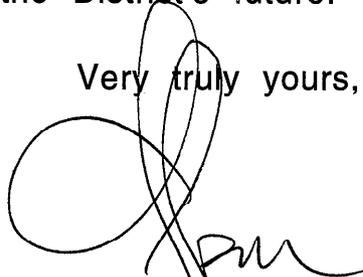
Specifically, it appears that the District has implemented more than 85 percent of the recommendations we made, and others are still being considered. Coincident with the beginning of our work early in 1993 was the retirement of Carl Boronkay and the subsequent naming of Woody Wodraska to the general manager's position. This changing of the guard presented the perfect opportunity for the examination done by the task force. Hopefully, our recommendations improved what was and is a first-class agency.

John V. Foley

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I appreciated the opportunity to chair the task force, and I want to express my gratitude to your Board and staff for their openness and willingness to share. My thanks for making our work an important contribution to the District's future.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a series of smaller, connected strokes that form the name Nelson C. Rising.

Nelson C. Rising

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