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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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March 30, 1995

To: Board of Directors (Committee on Legislation—Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Support of Assembly Bill 561 (Archie-Hudson, Los Angeles) Concerning Provision of Water Conservation Services

Report

Assemblywoman Marguerite Archie-Hudson of Los Angeles, has introduced Assembly Bill 561 (copy attached). AB 561 provides that a public entity may enter into agreements with other public entities, businesses, community associations or private entities to provide water conservation services. This provision would broaden Metropolitan's current powers to include provision of water conservation services directly to private parties, a power which is currently implied but limited, as long as those services serve a public purpose of Metropolitan. For instance, it is not currently clear that Metropolitan can provide a water conservation audit to a privately owned commercial building, assuming that Metropolitan has the manpower and the desire to do so, under its current powers.

In addition, Metropolitan is currently exploring the potential for amendments to AB 561 to broaden or clarify Metropolitan's ability to engage in other conservation activities. The Conservation Branch is currently exploring that potential.

APPROVED
 By the Board of Directors of
 The Metropolitan Water District
 of Southern California
 at its meeting held

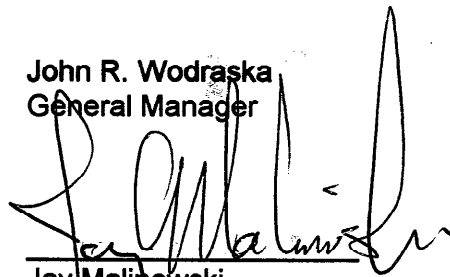
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Recommendation

That Metropolitan support Assembly Bill 561.

John R. Wodraska
General Manager



By:

Jay Malinowski
Director of Public Affairs

Concur:



for

John R. Wodraska
General Manager

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995-96 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL**No. 561**

Introduced by Assembly Member Archie-Hudson

February 17, 1995

An act to add Section 378 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 561, as introduced, Archie-Hudson. Water: conservation programs.

Existing law authorizes any public entity, as defined, that supplies water at retail or wholesale for the benefit of persons within the service area or area of jurisdiction of the public entity to adopt and enforce, by ordinance or resolution, a water conservation program to reduce the quantity of water used by those persons for the purpose of conserving the water supplies of the public entity.

This bill would authorize a public entity to enter into agreements with other public entities and private entities to provide water conservation services and measures and materials for implementing water conservation programs adopted pursuant to the above specified provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 378 is added to the Water Code,
2 to read:

AB 561

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1 378. A public entity may enter into agreements with
2 other public entities, businesses, community associations,
3 or private entities to provide water conservation services
4 and measures and materials for implementing water
5 conservation programs adopted pursuant to this chapter.

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