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To: Board of Directors (Committee on Legislation--Information)
(Special Committee on Water Quality and
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From: General Manager

Subject: Update on Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act
Reauthorizations

Report

Clean Water Act (CWA) Reauthorization

Congressman Shuster, Chairman of the House of Representatives' Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is expected to revise H.R. 961, a comprehensive CWA Reauthorization bill, by the end of March following several public hearings on the subject. The bill is expected to contain the watershed management and non-point source pollution language that is supported by the many water industry, local government, industry, wastewater and agricultural interest groups. There has been no activity in the Senate on CWA and the understanding by insiders is that the Senate is waiting to see what happens in the House before they act.

Metropolitan has developed an Issue Management Plan on CWA Reauthorization. Metropolitan's Washington D.C. staff have coordinated a number of visits by Directors and staff with members of Congressional staff. A briefing packet consisting of a one page summary of Metropolitan's top five priority positions and one page backup summaries on each issue have been prepared to aid in the lobbying effort (copies are available from the Executive Secretary upon request).

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Reauthorization

A Senate version of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Reauthorization bill is expected to be introduced before the April recess on April 8. The Coalition of water utility associations, local government and state health officials has been working to ensure that proposed language will be acceptable to the Coalition and beneficial to water

suppliers. The House of Representatives is not expected to act on SDWA until the *Contract with America* language has been resolved.

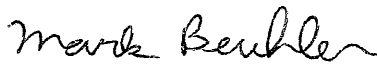
Metropolitan staff continues to work with California and national associations on developing reasonable health protective drinking water legislation. A new SDWA briefing booklet has been prepared and is available upon request (copies are available from the Executive Secretary). Staff have been in Washington D.C. a number of times meeting the Congressional staff, the Coalition and other interest groups.

Recommendation

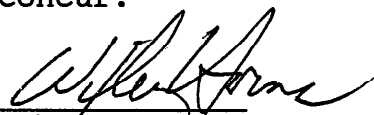
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