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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

May 5, 1995

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)
(Water Problems Committee--Action)


From: Chairman of the Board

Subject: Renaming Water Problems Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that sections 2400, 2480, 2481, 2530, 2552, 2591(c), 2720(e), subsection (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), and (j) of section 4304, and section 4603(a)(3) of the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code be amended to change the name of the Water Problems Committee to the Water Policy Committee. Attachment A shows how these sections will now read.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DETAILED REPORT:

The duties and functions of the Water Problems Committee are set forth in Administrative Code section 2481. These duties and functions require that this committee study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to a number of policy issues relating to water matters, including policies concerning the acquisition, sale and delivery of water, annexations, energy matters, and water conservation and reclamation. Problems concerning these matters are considered within the context of the committee's duty to evaluate these policy issues.

It is therefore recommended that the name of the Water Problems Committee be changed to that of the Water Policy Committee so that the name of the committee more accurately describes the duties and functions of the committee.

ATTACHMENT A

§ 2400. Identification of Standing Committees.

The Standing Committees of the Board of Directors are:

Executive Committee
Engineering and Operations Committee
Finance and Insurance Committee
Land Committee
Legal and Claims Committee
Organization and Personnel Committee
Water Policy Committee
Committee on Legislation

§ 2480. Time of Regular Meetings.

The regular meetings of the Water Policy Committee shall be held on the Monday preceding regular Board meetings beginning at 2:00 p.m.

§ 2481. Duties and Functions.

The Water Policy Committee shall study, advise, and make recommendations with regard to:

- (a) Policies, sources, and means of importing water required by the District;
- (b) Changes in the District's aqueduct system to provide for the changing needs of the District's member agencies;
- (c) The selling prices of water and conditions governing sales and exchanges of water;
- (d) Policies regarding the sale and delivery of water for various uses;
- (e) Policies regarding allocation of water standby or availability of service revenue requirements among member public agencies;
- (f) Water standby or availability of service charges within the District;
- (g) Policies regarding annexation and the requirements, procedures, terms, and conditions for annexations;
- (h) Energy matters relating to water supply;
- (i) Policies regarding water conservation, reclamation, reuse and underground storage of water and the use thereof;
- (j) Proposed amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Act affecting the water or annexation policies of the District.

§ 2530.Membership.

The Special Budget Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Chairman of the Board, after consultation with the chairmen of the Finance and Insurance Committee, the Engineering and Operations Committee, the Water Policy Committee, and the Organization and Personnel Committee, and shall serve at his pleasure. Three members of the Special Budget Committee shall also be members of the Finance and Insurance Committee; two members shall be members of the Engineering and Operations Committee; one member shall be a member of the Water Policy Committee; and one member shall be a member of the Organization and Personnel Committee.

§ 2552.Relations with Standing Committees.

Where appropriate, the Special Committee on Water Quality and Environmental Compliance shall make reports:

(a) To the Executive Committee on matters related to proposed legislation or regulations affecting water quality and environmental compliance;

(b) To the Water Policy Committee on water quality matters related to water reclamation, reuse and underground storage;

(c) To the Engineering and Operations Committee on water quality and environmental compliance matters related to the operation and design of the District's storage, treatment and distribution facilities; and

(d) To the Finance and Insurance Committee on the financial consequences of water quality and environmental compliance issues or programs.

§ 2591.Bay/Delta Political Advisory Ad Hoc Committee.

(c) The Bay/Delta Political Advisory Ad Hoc Committee shall report its advice and recommendations, as appropriate, to the Executive Committee and/or the Water Policy Committee.

§ 2720.General Manager's Quarterly Reports

(e) To the Water Policy Committee on the status of the Local Projects Program, including the execution of any Local Projects Program agreements under the authority of Section 4516.

**§ 4304.Apportionment of Revenues and Setting of Water Rates
and Charges to Raise Firm Revenue.**

(b) Not later than at its December meeting the Finance and Insurance Committee shall consider the General Manager's determinations made pursuant to Section 4304(a) and shall present its determination of the separate amounts of revenues required from water sales and from firm revenue sources, if any, during the fiscal year beginning the following July 1 for consideration by the Water Policy Committee of the Board not later than at its January meeting.

(c) Not later than at its January meeting the General Manager shall present to the Water Policy Committee recommendations of rates for the various classes of water to become effective the following July 1, which rates shall be the General Manager's determination, made in accordance with current Board policies, of the rates necessary to produce substantially the revenues to be derived from water sales during the fiscal year beginning the following July 1 which the Finance and Insurance Committee has determined to be necessary.

(d) The General Manager shall also present to the Water Policy Committee at its January meeting recommendations regarding the imposition of a water standby charge or an availability charge to become effective the following July 1, which charge shall be the General Manager's determination, made in accordance with current Board policies, of the charge necessary to produce substantially the revenues to be derived from firm revenue sources, if any, exclusive of taxes, during the fiscal year beginning the following July 1 which the Finance and Insurance Committee has determined to be necessary.

(e) Not later than its January meeting the Water Policy Committee shall set a time or times for, and shall thereafter hold, one or more meetings of the Water Policy Committee to be held prior to its regular March meeting at which interested parties may present their views regarding the proposed water rates to said committee.

(f) The Water Policy Committee shall also make at its January meeting a preliminary determination of the type of firm revenue, if any, to be raised for the following fiscal year and recommend to the Board a form of resolution of intention to impose either a water standby charge or an availability of service charge sufficient to raise such firm revenue, exclusive of taxes, to become effective the following July 1, to implement such determination. The committee shall also recommend to the Board that it (1) authorize and direct the General Manager to satisfy all notice requirements for implementation of such charge and (2) set dates, times and locations for, and thereafter hold, prior to the regular April meeting, one or more adjourned meetings of the Board, for public hearings and consideration of the imposition of the charge, at which interested parties may present their views regarding the proposed charge. In the alternative, the notice of the dates, times and locations of the public hearings may be stated in the resolution of intention.

(g) At its regular March meeting the Water Policy Committee shall make its determination regarding the water rates to become effective the following July 1 and shall recommend said rates to the Board at the Board's regular March meeting.

(i) Not later than its regular May meeting, the Water Policy Committee shall make its final determination regarding the firm revenue charge, if any, to become effective the following July 1, and shall recommend such charge, if any, to the Board at its regular May meeting.

(j) Not later than its May meeting, the Board shall consider and take action upon the recommendations, if any, of the Water Policy Committee regarding a firm revenue source, exclusive of taxes, to be effective the following July 1.

§ 4603. Allocation of Water to be Delivered for Interruptible Service.

(3) Service of water sold and delivered in interruptible service and used for agricultural purposes shall be reduced or eliminated after the lapse of one year from the giving of the notice of discontinuance as provided by Section 132 of the Metropolitan Water District Act if such water is needed or required for domestic or municipal uses within the District. No such notice shall be given unless the Water Policy Committee has previously given interested parties an opportunity to present their views to the committee after notifying each member public agency and each person who has requested to be notified in writing of the proposal to give such notice.