

RESOLUTION 8473

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Metropolitan is responsible for meeting supplemental water demands of 16 million people living in a six-county region of Southern California, is one of the largest water suppliers in the world, and is the lead agency in the region's integrated water resource planning and management efforts that include seawater desalination as a potential local water supply, and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan may become a significant consumer of desalinated seawater in the next century, it has an incentive to invest in developing cost-competitive technologies, and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan has analyzed seawater desalination projects throughout the world and has found that the actual costs for currently operating seawater desalination plants and the cost estimates for new seawater desalination plants are not cost-competitive with Southern California's traditional sources for

water supplies, desalination may well become a cost-effective element of the region's water supply in the next century, and

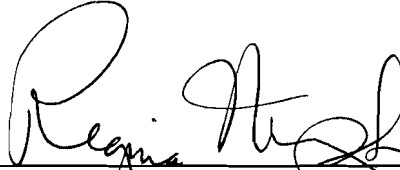
WHEREAS, in 1990 Metropolitan authorized the initiation of the Seawater Desalination Demonstration Project and has since committed \$5 million to complete the preliminary design of a large capacity seawater desalination facility that incorporates a new technology and to design, build, and operate a 2,000-gallon-per-day test unit which is currently in operation, and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Design Report was completed in 1993, a test unit is now installed, and preliminary test results of the new technology are very promising in producing cost-competitive drinking water,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California does hereby resolve to:

*PROVIDE FUNDS TO CONTINUE PURSUIT OF A NEW
COST-COMPETITIVE SEAWATER DESALINATION
TECHNOLOGY VERIFIED THROUGH THE DESIGN,
CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF A 5-MILLION-
GALLON-PER-DAY DESALINATION PLANT.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on May 9, 1995.



Secretary of the Board of Directors
of The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California