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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 26, 1995

**To:** Board of Directors (Finance and Insurance Committee--Action)  
Board of Directors (Water Planning and Resources Committee--Action)

**From:** General Manager *[Signature]*

**Submitted by:** Debra C. Man, Chief  
Planning and Resources *Debra C Man*

**Subject:** Metropolitan's Contribution to the State Water Contractor's Special Urban  
Account for Fiscal Year 1995-96

## RECOMMENDATION

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It is recommended that your Board authorize the General Manager to contribute a total of \$63,893.52 for Fiscal Year 1995-96 to the State Water Contractors Special Urban Account for work on issues of common interest to urban contractors.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Metropolitan has contributed funds annually to the State Water Contractors' Special Urban Account beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 1993-94. In previous years, this account has funded participation of urban contractors in the Bay/Delta Urban Coalition in efforts related to the December 1994 Bay/Delta Accord, continued consensus-building upon the Accord, and efforts to improve implementation of the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

For FY 1995-96, staff requests that your Board authorize a contribution of \$63,893.52 to the State Water Contractors for the Special Urban Account.

## DETAILED REPORT

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On October 17, 1989, your Board approved making annual payments to the State Water Contractors Inc. (SWC) for joint participation in the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Bay/Delta proceedings and other related federal and State regulatory proceedings. Subsequent to that year, staff has presented annual requests to your Board to contribute funding to the SWC's Bay/Delta Fund. Since Fiscal Year (FY) 1993-1994, Metropolitan has also contributed to the SWC's Special Urban Account for efforts related to those issues of common interest to urban contractors.

Metropolitan's contribution to the SWC Special Urban Account is separate and in addition to any contributions for SWC membership dues and Bay Delta funding. In previous years, contributions to the Special Urban Account were made at the same time as SWC membership dues and contributions to the Bay/Delta Fund. For FY 1995-96, Metropolitan's membership dues and contribution to the Bay/Delta Fund were authorized earlier than normal by your Board at its March 14, 1995 meeting to ensure funding to support implementation of the Monterey Agreement and preparation of the Monterey Agreement Environmental Impact Report, and support increased SWC Bay/Delta activities resulting from the December 1994 Accord. Metropolitan's contribution to the Special Urban Account for fiscal year 1995-96 was deferred at that time.

At this time, staff requests that your Board authorize a contribution of \$63,893.52 to the State Water Contractors for the Special Urban Account for FY 1995-96. The SWC Board of Directors approved the FY 1995-96 collection of \$90,000 for the Special Urban Account. Metropolitan's contribution to this fund is based on a pro-rata apportionment according to the amount of State Water Project (SWP) entitlement relative to other urban contractors. This fund pays for work on issues of common interest to urban water agencies, or activities the urban contractors alone choose to undertake and fund. The fund has been used for professional representation in Washington, D. C. by the law firm Perkins Coie for their services related to development of the December 1994 Bay/Delta Accord, continued consensus building upon the Accord, and efforts to improve implementation of the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

Funds for these contributions are in Metropolitan's approved Operations and Maintenance budget. The General Counsel has reviewed this proposal and concurs with the funding recommendation. This action is categorically exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because it involves an activity that does not have a significant effect on the environment.

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