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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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To: Board of Directors (Committee on Legislation--Information)

From: General Manager

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Subject: Senate Bill 1461 (Ayala--Rancho Cucamonga) --
Vote Allocation Under MWD Act

RECOMMENDATION(S)

For information only.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Senate Bill (SB) 1461, introduced by Senator Ruben Ayala (Rancho Cucamonga), is a "spot" bill, introduced as a placeholder to meet deadlines for introduction of bills without revealing the intent of the author. It appears to be a vehicle for amendment of the Metropolitan Water District Act (MWD Act), but at this time the substance of the intended amendments cannot be determined.

DETAILED REPORT

SB 1461, introduced by Senator Ruben Ayala (Rancho Cucamonga), in its present form makes insignificant changes to Section 55 of the MWD Act. Section 55 of the Act provides for the allocation of votes among members of the Board, and currently entitles Board members representing the various member agencies to cast one vote for each \$10,000,000 (or major fractional part of \$10,000,000) in assessed value of property within their appointing agencies.

This bill is a "spot" bill, introduced as a placeholder to meet deadlines for introduction of bills without revealing the intent of the author. It appears to have been authored as a vehicle for amendment of the MWD Act. However, at this time, the substance of the intended amendments cannot be determined from the text of the bill.

The text of the bill is attached as Exhibit A.

SENATE BILL**No. 1461**

Introduced by Senator Ayala

February 5, 1996

An act to amend Section 55 of the Metropolitan Water District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969), relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1461, as introduced, Ayala. Metropolitan water districts: board of directors: voting.

The Metropolitan Water District Act authorizes each member of the board of a metropolitan water district to vote on all questions, orders, resolutions, and ordinances before the board, as specified.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in that 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 55 of the Metropolitan Water
2 District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969) is
3 amended to read:

4 Sec. 55. Each member of the board ~~shall be entitled~~
5 ~~to~~ *may* vote on all questions, orders, resolutions, and
6 ordinances coming before the board, and ~~shall be entitled~~
7 ~~to~~ *may* cast one vote for each ten million dollars
8 (\$10,000,000), or major fractional part thereof, of assessed
9 valuation of property taxable for district purposes in the

1 member public agency represented by ~~him~~ *that member*,
2 as shown by the assessment records of the county and
3 evidenced by the certificate of the county auditor.
4 ~~However, each~~ *Each* member of the board shall have at
5 least one vote but, no member public agency shall have
6 votes exceeding in number the total number of votes of
7 all other member public agencies. As used in this section,
8 “major fractional part” means a fractional part larger
9 than one-half.