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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Don Chin
for EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

February 27, 1996

To: Board of Directors (Engineering & Operations Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

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Submitted by: Edward G. Means, Chief of Operations

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Subject: Authority for the Operations Division, Special Services Branch to Provide Machine Shop and Repair Work for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to perform machining, fabrication and other unique maintenance work.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Metropolitan maintains a unique machine shop in La Verne which provides Metropolitan and its members agencies needed specialized machine shop services, not otherwise available. These services are also available pursuant to contract to the Department of Water Resources (hereinafter "DWR").

In order to maintain the unique skills of the Metropolitan staff and to assist in recouping the costs of the machine shop, it is proposed to enter into an agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. Under the proposed contract, Metropolitan would repair the County's 84-inch Hollow Jet valve located at San Gabriel Dam above Azusa. Additionally, Metropolitan would perform other unique machining, fabrication, and maintenance work, which would not affect Metropolitan's ability to perform machine shop work required by Metropolitan, its member agencies and DWR. The agreement would include a specific provision that emergency work needed by Metropolitan, its member agencies or DWR would have priority over any work performed under that agreement.

DETAILED REPORT:

Metropolitan's La Verne Machine Shop is a unique facility, which is capable of fabricating the large diameter pipes and valves needed by Metropolitan. In case of an emergency break in a pipeline or valve, the La Verne facility is able to quickly provide the materials needed, so that water service is not lost for a significant period of time. Metropolitan also has an existing agreement with DWR to perform machining services for its State Water Project equipment, and performs emergency machining work for other governmental agencies. In order to maintain the unique skills of the Metropolitan staff and to assist in recouping the costs of the machine shop, it is proposed to enter into an agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (hereinafter "County") for machine shop services.

The County has requested that Metropolitan perform repair services on the County's 84-inch Hollow Jet valve located at the San Gabriel Dam above Azusa at Metropolitan's La Verne Machine Shop. No similar machine shop facilities are available in the western states area, and the County would have to send the valve to the East coast for repair. Metropolitan can repair the County's valve between the end of the current storm season and prior to the start of the next storm season at a cost of around \$75,000. Additionally, Metropolitan would perform other unique machining, fabrication, and maintenance work in order to assist the County in managing their repair problems. For all work, Metropolitan would be reimbursed for its actual costs of labor, equipment and materials. The agreement with the County will specify that emergency work for Metropolitan, its member agencies or DWR has priority over work performed under the agreement.

This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because there is no possibility that the proposed agreement will have a significant effect on the environment.

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