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for EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

From: General Manager

Submitted by: Raymond Corley, Jr.
Legislative Representative

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FOR: Ray Corley

Subject: Membership in the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB); CCEEB California Prosperity Through Reform Project; and CCEEB Hazardous Waste Management Project

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the one-time surcharge of \$1,000 above the level originally proposed by the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB) for all project and general membership dues in which Metropolitan is a participant.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CCEEB Board of Directors recently adopted a one-time surcharge of \$1,000 above the level originally proposed for 1996 to all project and general membership dues. General membership dues for 1996 will now total \$1,720; dues for the California Prosperity Through Reform Project (Project CPR) will total \$10,000; and dues for the Hazardous Waste Management Project (Hazards Project) will total \$16,000.

DETAILED REPORT

The membership of the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB) consists of business, labor and public leaders working together, including virtually every major industry sector, organized labor, and key public and civic organizations. CCEEB is concerned with developing programs to balance environmental and economic issues with regard to air pollution, hazardous material and waste management, water and comprehensive fiscal and governance reform. The District joined CCEEB in April 1977. The General Manager and Sacramento Legislative Representative represent the District in CCEEB general membership activities.

CCEEB projects provide the tools which allow CCEEB members to actively shape public policy decisions. Project CPR was established in 1994 to develop solutions for the state's fiscal and governance problems. Project CPR members recognize that the future success of the economy and the ability of state and local government to provide priority public services and facilities is dependent upon long-term comprehensive reform of state and local governance and finance. Project CPR is operating on a five-year plan for reform that is targeted for the 1998 general election ballot. The goal of this plan is to see reforms adopted and early implementation by the beginning of the next century. The Sacramento Legislative Representative participates in project CPR activities.

During 1995, CCEEB, through Project CPR, prepared and distributed a guide for the private sector on the Bay-Delta and its impact on California's economy. The guide was developed not only to lay out the issues associated with the Bay-Delta Accord but to encourage the business and labor community to engage in the CALFED process to assure its success. This document was widely distributed to business and labor leaders around the State as well as to state legislators and administration officials.

CCEEB's Hazards Project provides a forum for the review of existing regulations and pending legislation regarding hazardous materials and waste. The goal of the project is to provide consensus recommendations to the regulatory agencies and Legislature and to promote the adoption and implementation of effective, reasonable and economically feasible solutions to the problems associated with hazardous materials and waste management. The District's Environmental Compliance Division is assigned to the Hazards Project.

A subcommittee of the CCEEB Board was formed to make recommendations on longer-term financial restructuring issues and will report to the full Board at its April 1996 Board meeting.

Sufficient funds are included in the District's 1995-96 fiscal year operation and maintenance budget to cover these costs. The approval of the budget was coupled with the finding of necessity pertaining to dissemination of information required by Section 126 of the Metropolitan Water District Act and approved by two-thirds vote of the Board. The recommendation made in this letter may be approved by a majority vote of the Board. This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because it will not have a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse effect on the environment.

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