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April 5, 1996

Mr. John V. Foley, Chairman
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Two California Plaza
350 S. Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Re: Public Hearing on Proposal Water Standby Charge for 1996-97

Dear Chairman Foley, and Members of the Board of Directors:

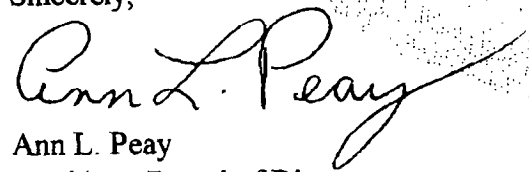
You will be receiving comments at the April 9, 1996 meeting on the proposed water standby charge for 1996-97. This charge has been levied for several years on parcels in the M.E.T. service area to insure a reliable, fixed revenue source for the agency.

The Olivenhain M.W.D. as a sub-member agency within M.E.T., supports the continued use of the water standby charge in 1996-97. We believe that it is important for M.E.T. to continue to receive funding from both developed, occupied, areas and undeveloped parcels that benefit from the availability of a reliable water supply for future use of the land.

As a related issue, our agency also would like to encourage M.E.T. to continue to consider the development of a more traditional capacity charge or fee through legislative authorization if possible. We believe that this would augment the purpose of the water standby charge to adequately allocate costs and revenue sources most equitably.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Ann L. Peay
President, Board of Directors

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cc: OMWD Board of Directors
David C. McCollom, General Managers

A Public Agency Incorporated on March 24, 1959; Formed under the Municipal Water District Law of 1911
Section 71000 et. sec. of the State of California Water Code