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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

From: General Manager *J Rhodvaska*

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Planning and Resources

Subject: Resolution to Support Proposition 204: The Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution supporting Proposition 204. The resolution is attached as Exhibit A.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On February 13, 1996, your Board adopted a position supporting SB 900 (The Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act of 1996), if amended consistent with Board-approved policy principles. After considerable negotiation and agreement among a wide coalition of urban water, agricultural, environmental, and business interests, SB 900 was redrafted consistent with Metropolitan's policy principles to provide a total of \$995 million in general obligation bond funding. SB 900 was subsequently passed by the California legislature and signed by Governor Wilson on July 11, 1996. Designated Proposition 204 by the Secretary of State, it will appear on the November 1996 ballot.

DETAILED REPORT

The largest and most significant bond measure on water in 36 years, Proposition 204 would fund clean water, recycling, Bay-Delta ecosystem restoration, and other programs. These programs are described in attached Exhibit B.

Proposition 204 would provide direct benefits to the Bay-Delta Estuary by authorizing bond funds to pay for the public general obligation share of the Environmental Restoration Plan and other ecosystem restoration actions. These actions will take place independent of the CALFED solution recommendation. Proposition 204 would also provide bond funding for a variety of other projects which would benefit Metropolitan's service area. Fundable projects include grants and loans for water recycling, flood control, river parkways, wastewater treatment, watershed rehabilitation, seawater intrusion, and other programs.

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Attachments

EXHIBIT A

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIARESOLUTION No. 8502

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ADOPTING A POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR
PROPOSITION 204,
THE SAFE, CLEAN, RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY ACT

WHEREAS, all Californians depend on a reliable and affordable supply of high quality water for meeting public health requirements, as well as environmental and recreational needs; and

WHEREAS, a reliable source of water is necessary to fuel the state's \$750 billion economy, ensuring that businesses stay in California and attracting new business to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta serves as the heart of California's water system, providing water to two-thirds of the state's 30 million residents and irrigating 45% of the nation's fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Bay-Delta serves as the West coast's largest estuary, providing a unique habitat for more than 1200 species of fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the conflicting needs of people and the environment have “broken” the Bay-Delta, decreasing water supply reliability and degrading water quality; and

WHEREAS, restoring the Bay-Delta’s habitat would maintain water quality and help alleviate state and federal regulatory pressures, ensuring a more predictable and reliable water supply for the State Water Project; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 204 would fund \$995 million for clean water and water recycling, water supply reliability, Delta improvements, the CALFED Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration Program, and flood control;

WHEREAS, a diverse group of urban, agricultural, environmental, and business interests has worked with the legislature to develop Proposition 204; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 204, a general obligation bond measure, would provide California's share that, together with federal matching funds, would help finance CALFED environmental restoration programs to restore a healthy Bay-Delta, which benefits the entire state’s economic vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

That Proposition 204, *The Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act*, provides funding for statewide water improvements including CALFED environmental restoration programs which will be the first steps in laying the foundation for providing a long-term solution to the problems of the Bay-Delta; and on that basis hereby supports Proposition 204.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its meeting held on August 20, 1996.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

**Proposition 204 - Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act
Funding Program**

Funding Categories	\$(mil)	Purposes	Regions Affected
Clean Water and Water Recycling	235	Provides loans and grants to improve water quality and to promote water recycling and reuse.	
Clean Water Loans	80	Funds construction of wastewater treatments plants for local agencies. Goal is to prevent water pollution by enabling local agencies to meet applicable water quality standards: Federal matching funds 5:1	All Counties.
Small Community Grants	30	Funds construction of treatment works by local agencies with populations of 5,000 or less that can demonstrate a financial hardship.	Communities with populations of 5,000 or less.
Water Recycling	60	Funds design and construction of recycling projects for local agencies. Goal is to provide a cost-effective means of stretching existing water supplies while meeting applicable water quality and public health requirements.	Directly urban areas and indirectly statewide.
Agricultural Drainage Treatment	30	Funds construction of facilities to treat agricultural drainage water and to remove or substantially reduce the level of pollutants with preference given to source reductions projects and programs. Also finances feasibility studies.	Directly San Joaquin Valley, Riverside and Imperial Valley. Indirectly statewide.
Water Rehabilitation	15	Funds development of voluntary, incentive-based watershed rehabilitation projects.	Directly rural mountain counties. Indirectly water supply and quality to Bay-Delta Dependent areas.
Seawater Intrusion	10	Funds programs to combat seawater intrusion into coastal groundwater aquifers.	Salinas Valley, Orange County and other coastal areas.
Tahoe Conservancy	10	Funds construction of soil erosion control facilities and restoration and preservation of environmentally sensitive lands, to improve Lake Tahoe's water quality.	El Dorado and Placer counties & statewide recreational enthusiasts.
Water Supply Reliability	117	Funds statewide projects which enhance water supplies, improved water management and demand management.	
Feasibility Investigations	10	Funds investigations into possible conveyance facilitates.	Directly Bay Area, Sacramento Valley, San Diego and Imperial counties. Indirectly Bay-Delta dependent areas
Water Investigations	30	Funds to acquire land and develop facilities for groundwater recharge. Priority given to over-drafted basins.	Statewide.
Small Project Loans	25	Funds feasibility studies and projects to increase water supplies in rural counties.	Counties with populations of 250,000 or less.
River Parkways	27	Funds to acquire land and develop parkways along river corridors.	Statewide.
Sacramento Valley Water Mngt.	25	Funds water management and habitat improvements in the Sacramento Valley, including conjunctive use, conservation and fish protection projects.	Directly Sacramento Valley. Indirectly all Delta dependent areas.
Delta Improvements	193	Funds specific measures defined by the CALFED process that result in environmental restoration and improvements in fish and wildlife habitat in the Bay-Delta ecosystem.	All Bay-Delta dependent water users.
CVPI Program	93	Funds portion of state's share of costs for projects and programs authorized by CVPIA.	Directly all CVP dependent areas. Indirectly Bay-Delta dependent areas.
Bay-Delta Agmt. Program (Cat. III)	60	Funds State's share of Bay-Delta Accord Category III measures.	All Bay-Delta dependent water users.
Delta Levees	25	Funds ongoing programs to protect the stability of delta levees, including local assistance under the delta levee maintenance subventions program and special flood control projects, subsidence studies, and levee monitoring programs.	Directly Delta communities. Indirectly Bay-Delta dependent water users.
South Delta Barriers	10	Pay's state's share of costs for fish barrier at the head of Old River in the Delta and for salinity barriers to protect water quality for beneficial uses in the Delta. Prior approval of the Department of Fish and Game's is required.	Directly Delta communities. Indirectly Bay-Delta dependent water users.
CALFED Administration	3	Funds State's share of costs of planning and feasibility activities required through the CALFED Bay-Delta Program	Directly SWP contractors. Indirectly Bay-Delta users.
Delta Public Recreation	2	Funds recreational access in the Delta through voluntary easements and construction of facilities.	Statewide recreational enthusiasts.
CALFED Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration Program	390	This chapter provides funding solely to finance environmental restoration actions that increase the amount of high-value environmental habitats in the Bay-Delta watershed as a part of the CALFED long-term Bay-Delta solution.	
Flood Control Subvention	60	Funds State's share of non-federal costs for flood control and prevention projects for claims on hand up to 6/30/96.	
TOTAL	995		

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