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To: Board of Directors (Engineering and Operations Committee--Information)

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Subject: Notification of Urgent Necessity Contract Executed for Orange County Reservoir Cover Repair Project

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As required by Public Contracts Code Sections 21567 and 22050 and The Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 8115B, this letter is provided to notify your Board of an urgent-necessity contract executed on February 6, 1997, for the amount of \$165,000. The contract was executed with Serrot Corporation to make repairs to the floating cover at Orange County Reservoir. These repairs are necessary to avoid potential water quality problems.

DETAILED REPORT

Metropolitan has entered into a contract on an emergency basis for repairs to the floating cover at Orange County Reservoir, in an amount not to exceed \$165,000, with Serrot Corporation under Specifications No. 1392. The work involves the cleaning of the cover, repair of holes in the cover, repair of the chafer material below the cover, improvement of the rainwater removal system, replacement of access hatch covers, and installation of air vents.

This repair is required as the result of a tear that was discovered in the floating cover which creates a cross connection. The tear, if not repaired, may result in potentially contaminated rainwater coming in contact with potable water, a serious water quality concern. In addition, the work must be completed during a very limited shut-down period, because the reservoir is currently the only one in service and is a vital component of Metropolitan's distribution system. Thus, due to urgent necessity, the repair work is exempt from the competitive bidding process under Section 8103(b) of the Administrative Code.

As mentioned above, the Orange County Reservoir has been taken out of service while the work is being performed. To comply with the shut-down requirements, a contractor was needed that has available resources and experience to perform the work. Serrot Corporation was selected to perform the work for this project because it is one of a limited number of firms able to do this highly specialized work. Serrot is currently performing cover or liner work at the Mills and Jensen filtration plants, as well as Garvey Reservoir.

Because this reservoir must be placed back on-line as soon as possible, and due to the fact that the scope of work may change, depending upon the amount of damage discovered as work progresses, the work will be performed on a time-and-material basis.

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because the project consists of the repair or minor alteration of an existing public facility involving no expansion of use beyond that previously existing (Section 15301, CEQA Guidelines).

Due to the urgent nature of this contract, Specifications No. 1392 did not establish minimum subcontracting requirements or requirements for conducting a good-faith effort to encourage participation of minority-, women, and other-owned business enterprises.

Funds for this project are available under the 1996-97 O&M budget, and the General Manager is authorized to award this contract under Administrative Code Section 8115(b).

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