



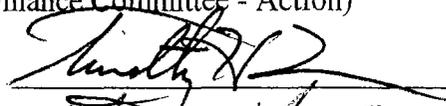
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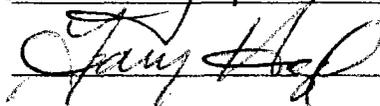
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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June 17, 1997

To: Board of Directors (Engineering and Operations Committee - Action)
(Budget and Finance Committee - Action)

From: *for* General Manager 

Submitted By: Chief Engineer *for* 

Subject: **Authorization to Submit Applications to the California Department of Boating and Waterways for Grants and Loans to Construct Boat Launch and Marina Facilities at the Eastside Reservoir**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board adopt the Resolutions attached to this Board letter authorizing The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to:

1. File a Grant Application with the Department of Boating and Waterways for the Development of Boat Launching Facilities at the Eastside Reservoir; and,
2. File a Loan Application with the Department of Boating and Waterways for the Development of Harbor Facilities at the Eastside Reservoir.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is currently constructing the Eastside Reservoir Project in Western Riverside County. Upon completion the Reservoir will be the largest freshwater lake in Southern California. It is anticipated that boating will be provided at the Reservoir through two marina locations at opposite ends of the Reservoir.

The California Department of Boating and Waterways (Department) provides grants for the construction of boat launch facilities and low-interest loans for the construction of marina facilities. There is a significant lead time to obtain both grants and loans (approximately 16 months). The filing of an application does not commit MWD to construct the facilities or obligate MWD to accept funds if they should be awarded. Funds applied for now, if granted, would be available in late 1998. Funds cannot be used to reimburse monies already expended.

Therefore, it is recommended that MWD apply for both a grant for the construction of boat launch facilities and a loan for construction of marina facilities.

DETAILED REPORT

As part of the development and operation of MWD's Eastside Reservoir Project in Western Riverside County it is anticipated that a variety of recreational opportunities will be provided on the Reservoir and adjacent lands. Fishing and other boating activities may be a major component of the recreational program.

Department provides grants for the construction of boat launch facilities and low-interest loans for the construction of marina facilities as part of its program to increase water related recreational opportunities for citizens of California. The development of boat launch and marina facilities at the Reservoir would be eligible for such loans and grants. Staff recommends that MWD apply for a **grant** of up to \$10.5 million to pay for the construction of boat launch and ancillary facilities at the Reservoir. This would result in an equivalent reduction in the cost to MWD to develop the facilities. Staff recommends MWD apply for a **loan** of up to \$13 million for construction of marina facilities at the Reservoir. The current interest rate for such loans is 4.5%. Both the boat launch grant and the marina loan have been anticipated in the budget for Reservoir recreation facilities.

Department requires a formal authorization by the MWD Board in order to begin the application process. The approval process is approximately 16 months long; funds applied for now would be available in late 1998, the target date for commencement of construction of the recreation facilities. The Department funds are not available to reimburse prior expenditures, therefore, any funds expended by MWD prior to receipt of a grant cannot be recouped from the Department.

Filing an application for a grant and/or loan does not commit MWD to construct the proposed facilities or to accept funding should it be awarded. At such time as the Board considers and approves the final recreation plan for the Reservoir, modifications in the request can be made. If the grants and/or loans are approved, staff would return to the Board for review and approval of the terms and conditions of the grants/loans. The Resolutions which would be submitted to the Department upon Board approval of this item are attached to this Board letter.

CEQA COMPLIANCE/ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

CEQA documentation is not required to initiate the application process. Adequate CEQA review and documentation will be required prior to any final action by the Department on the grants/loans. Staff is including the necessary environmental review as part of the program for the recreation plan.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE QUARRY COVE AND MARINA
COVE BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITIES AT EASTSIDE RESERVOIR

WHEREAS, the State Department of Boating and Waterways (Department) provides grants to cities, counties, districts and other public agencies for the development of small craft launching facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is desirous of developing certain boat launching facilities at its Eastside Reservoir Project to meet the needs of the boating public in the surrounding area and to provide public access to the Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, MWD has conducted an inventory of existing boat launching facilities in the area and has determined that the proposed project will not be detrimental to the operations of private boating businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, MWD will operate the boat launching facilities; and

WHEREAS, in the event the grant application is approved and the proposed facilities are constructed, MWD will enter into an Agreement to provide for the operation and maintenance of the proposed facilities at no cost to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of MWD by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby requests that the Department provide a grant of up to \$10.5 million for the purpose of providing public use boat launching facilities at Marina Cove and Quarry Cove at the Eastside Reservoir Project as further described in Attachment A.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, at its meeting held on July 8, 1997.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

ATTACHMENT A
PROPOSED BOAT LAUNCH FACILITIES AT
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EASTSIDE RESERVOIR PROJECT

Marina Cove

The proposed boat launch and marina facilities for Marina Cove consists of approximately 80 acres. The proposed boat launch facilities include an 11 lane asphalt/concrete boat launch ramp with approximately 250 spaces for vehicle parking, restrooms, boat wash and fish cleaning station. Due to the steepness of the surrounding hills the support facilities adjacent to the launch ramp will be constructed on a flat area created from fill excavated from adjacent areas of the reservoir during dam construction. The site will require protection from wind waves in the form of riprap slope protection and a floating breakwater.

Quarry Cove

The proposed boat launch and marina facilities for Quarry Cove consists of approximately 36 acres. The proposed boat launch facilities include an 8 lane asphalt/concrete launch ramp with parking for approximately 200 vehicles, restrooms, boat wash and fish cleaning station. The boating facilities are being developed from a quarry site excavated during dam construction. The area surrounding the ramps will be constructed by the excavation of a granitic type rock common to the area, therefore no slope protection is anticipated.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A LOAN APPLICATION
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE QUARRY COVE AND MARINA
COVE HARBOR FACILITIES AT EASTSIDE RESERVOIR

WHEREAS, the State Department of Boating and Waterways (Department) provides loans to cities, counties, districts and other public agencies for the development of small craft harbor facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is desirous of developing certain harbor facilities at its Eastside Reservoir Project to meet the needs of the boating public in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, MWD has conducted a feasibility study which showed the proposed project to be feasible from an engineering and financial standpoint and economically justified; and

WHEREAS, MWD understands that any marina berthing facilities funded by a loan from the Department may be operated by MWD or by a private concessionaire and, MWD further understands that in the event MWD chooses private operation of the harbor facilities, the boat slips will not be eligible for funding from the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of MWD by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby requests a loan from the Department of up to \$13 million for the development of the Marina Cove and Quarry Cove harbor facilities at the Eastside Reservoir Project as more particularly described in Attachment A.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, at its meeting held on July 8, 1997.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
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ATTACHMENT A
PROPOSED MARINA FACILITIES AT
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EASTSIDE RESERVOIR PROJECT

Marina Cove

The proposed boat launch and marina for Marina Cove consists of approximately 80 acres. The proposed marina facilities include approximately 375 boat slips for private use, boat rental, with some slips reserved for service and cruise boats. The slips will vary in size from 25 to 40 feet. Modifications to this layout may be made during final design. The floating dock area also includes space for a ferry landing, sewage pumpout stations, fuel docks, restrooms, a rental booth, service and retail shops. Dock utilities will include electricity, water service to meet both potable water and fire requirements, and sewage connections for both the pumpout docks and restrooms. Due to the steepness of the surrounding hills the support facilities adjacent to the marina will be constructed on a flat area created from fill excavated from adjacent areas of the reservoir during dam construction. The site will require protection from wind waves in the form of riprap slope protection and a floating breakwater. Landside facilities will include parking, restrooms, marina related-retail and repair shops, and a maintenance yard to support activities at the marina.

Quarry Cove

The proposed boat launch and marina for Quarry Cove consists of approximately 36 acres. The site has 100 boat slips. The floating dock area also includes space for a ferry landing, sewage pumpout station, fuel dock, restrooms, rental booth, and service and small retail shops. Dock utilities will include electricity, water for both potable water and fire requirements and sewage connections for both the pumpouts and restrooms. The marina is being developed from a quarry site excavated during dam construction. A floating breakwater will be required to protect the marina from wind waves. Landside facilities will include parking, restrooms, a marina related retail shop and a maintenance yard to support activities at the marina.