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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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To: Board of Directors
From: General Manager
Submitted by: Chief of Communications
Subject: Support, if amended, of AB 1919 (Thompson-Fallbrook)

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that your Board support AB 1919 (Thompson-Fallbrook) if it is amended as proposed in this letter.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its June 8, 1998 meeting, the Committee on Communications and Legislation voted to reconsider its position on AB 1919 (Thompson-Fallbrook). The Committee is now recommending that the Board support AB 1919 if it is amended to add two new requirements. These are that 1) the recommendations of the proposed study commission shall respect the right of each of Metropolitan's member public agencies to be represented by at least one director, and 2) no action taken by Metropolitan to provide transportation for transferred water shall shift costs among member agencies, unless the District's Board determines that it is in the best interest of the entire service area to do so.

DETAILED REPORT

AB 1919 (Thompson-Fallbrook) would establish a commission to report to the Legislature its recommendations regarding the size, representation and selection of Metropolitan's Board of Directors. In May 1998, the Committee on Communications and Legislation voted to oppose AB 1919, unless amended, and to consider the bill again at its June 8, 1998 meeting.

On June 8, the Committee did reconsider AB 1919 and is now recommending that the Board support AB 1919 if it is amended in two respects. These are that the bill provide that 1) the recommendations of the proposed study commission shall respect the right of each of Metropolitan's member public agencies shall be represented by at least one director, and 2) no action taken by Metropolitan to provide transportation for a water transfer to an entity within its service area shall shift costs among water users within the service area unless the District's Board determines that it is in the best interest of the entire service area to do so. The Committee recommends that the no cost shifting language be added as a new subsection 130(b)(1) of the Metropolitan Water District Act to read as follows:

No action taken to facilitate the transportation of a water transfer to entities within the district's service area shall shift costs among water users of the district, unless the district determines that it is in the best interests of the entire service area to do so.

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