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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

From: *for* General Manager Edward J. Meyer

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Subject: Membership Dues For Utilities Telecommunications Council (UTC)

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended the Board authorize continued representation in the UTC and payment of annual dues amounting to \$4,731.00 for the current year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Utilities Telecommunications Council (UTC) is an organization formed by public and private utilities to coordinate use of radio frequency spectrum and provide representation of utilities needs before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The UTC keeps MWD's telecommunications staff informed on pending changes in legislation which may affect our operational communications systems.

Metropolitan has been a member of the UTC for many years. The dues fee schedule has been changed from a fixed amount to a formula based on each companies listed gross revenue. This is a change from the previous fee of \$4,077.00.

DETAILED REPORT

Metropolitan has been a member of the UTC for over ten years. The UTC keeps Metropolitan telecommunications staff informed about pending changes in legislation which may affect our operational communications systems. The FCC has delegated authority for member agencies to the UTC and the UTC must approve/coordinate all utility radio license requests before the FCC will act on the request for licensing.

Metropolitan, like other public utilities, is affected by actions of the FCC. Membership in the UTC provides a medium where the needs and concerns of utilities are conveyed to the FCC.

The UTC provides a technical forum with regular meetings focused on current technical issues. Members receive support and information provided by special studies, responses from vendors, and solutions to real world problems.

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