

DETAILED REPORT

The Colorado River Board of California (CRB), a state agency established by the Legislature in 1937, is charged with protecting the rights and interests of the people of California in the water and power resources of the Colorado River. Metropolitan is represented on the CRB.

The Six Agency Committee (Committee), whose primary function is support of the CRB, was created in 1950 by a joint powers agreement. The Committee is composed of representatives from the six major Southern California public agencies with Colorado River water and power interests, including Metropolitan. These agencies provide a portion of the funds for the CRB's budget. The purpose of the Committee is to administer the funds contributed by the represented agencies for purposes that will secure their rights and interests in Colorado River system water and power resources.

The Six Agency Fund is the legal mechanism through which Metropolitan contributes its share of these costs, which are prorated among the participating agencies. The fiscal year 1998-99 budget (copy attached) is in the amount of \$1,741,000 which will provide this support. The budget is partially funded by a \$738,385 prior assessment and a \$79,500 contribution from electric utilities for participation in activities related to endangered species issues including development of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan. Thus, the total contributions required are \$923,115, six percent lower than last year's contribution. Metropolitan's proportionate share (44.4 percent) of the total contribution is \$409,863.

The Committee budget for 1998-99 provides funding for 80 percent of the support of the CRB activities (48 percent of the budget) and 60 percent of California's proportionate share of the funding for the seven-state Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum. It also provides funding for multi-species management planning for the Lower Colorado River (39 percent of the budget); consulting services (seven percent of the budget); Washington, D.C. services; unscheduled CRB activities; computer equipment replacement, maintenance, and supplies; and contingencies.

The Colorado River Association (Association) was formed in 1946. It is a nonprofit organization which functions as the public affairs entity of the Committee. It circulates a newsletter and performs other informational and public affairs functions. Metropolitan has been a member since the Association's inception.

At a meeting of the Association held on June 10, 1998, the budget of proposed expenses for the Association (copy attached) was presented for fiscal year July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, in the amount of \$103,900. There is an estimated carry-over of \$12,900 from the 1997-98 fiscal year assessment, thus, the necessary contribution from all members will total \$91,000. Metropolitan's proportionate share of the contribution (44.4 percent) comes to \$40,404 which is \$32,456 more than fiscal year 1997-98. The increase is primarily due to an increase in travel expenditures in

fiscal year 1997-98 associated with a Congressional staff inspection tour of the Lower Colorado River, resulting in a lower carry-over of funds than in the previous fiscal year.

Twenty-five Congressional staff members accepted the Association's invitation to participate in the three-day tour which focused on the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, and the Salton Sea. The budget includes expenditures for Association functions, Colorado River inspection trips, and the printing and distribution of documents including the Association's quarterly newsletters. Inspection trips may be conducted for Congressional and California legislative staff to inform them of the importance of Colorado River supplies to the people of Southern California.

Sufficient funds are included in Metropolitan's 1998-99 fiscal year operation and maintenance budget to cover these costs. The approval of the budget was coupled with the finding of necessity pertaining to dissemination of information by two-thirds vote of the Board. The recommendation made in this letter may be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because it will not have a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse effect on the environment.

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Attachments

SIX AGENCY FUND

FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 BUDGET

	<u>Current Year FY 1997-98</u>		<u>Anticipated Expenditures FY 1997-98</u>		<u>Proposed Budget FY 1998-99</u>	
A. SUPPORT OF COLORADO RIVER BOARD BUDGET						
1. Colorado River Board Direct Support	\$ 1,036,095		\$ 1,036,000		\$ 1,036,000	
State Share(General Fund)	\$ 208,255	20.1%	\$ 208,236		\$ 209,000	20.2%
Six Agency Share	\$ 827,840	79.9%	\$ 827,764		\$ 827,000	79.8%
2. Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum Support	\$ 39,000		\$ 28,455		\$ 40,000	
State Share(CELPF)	\$ 15,000	38.5%	\$ 12,366		\$ 16,000	40.0%
Six Agency Share	\$ 24,000	61.5%	\$ 16,089		\$ 24,000	60.0%
3. Total Budget Estimate						
Colorado River Board	\$ 1,075,095		\$ 1,064,455		\$ 1,076,000	
State Share	\$ 223,255	20.8%	\$ 220,602		\$ 225,000	20.9%
Six Agency Share	\$ 851,840	79.2%	\$ 843,853		\$ 851,000	79.1%
B. ESTIMATED BUDGET REQUIREMENT						
1. Support of Colorado River Brd. Budget	\$ 853,000		\$ 843,853		\$ 851,000	
2. Washington, D.C. Services	\$ 45,000		\$ 45,000		\$ 45,000	
3. Consulting Services	\$ 120,000		\$ -		\$ 120,000	
4. Unscheduled Board Activities	\$ 10,000		\$ -		\$ 10,000	
5. Computer, Replacement, Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
6. 3% Reserve for Contingency	\$ 25,000		\$ 12,115		\$ 25,000	
7. LCR MSCP						
A. Endangered Fish	\$ 557,731		\$ 143,992		\$ 375,000	
B. Endangered Birds	\$ 300,000		\$ -		\$ 300,000	
ESTIMATED SIX AGENCY BUDGET	\$ 1,925,731		\$ 1,059,960		\$ 1,741,000	
8. Estimated Carry-Over	\$ (52,538)				\$ -	
9. Refund from State	\$ (120,082)				\$ -	
10. Prior Assessment	\$ (648,692)				(738,385)	
11. Electric Utility Contribution (Item # 7A)	\$ (118,239)		\$ 38,739		\$ (79,500)	
C. TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	<u>\$ 986,180</u>		<u>\$ 1,098,699</u>		<u>\$ 923,115</u>	6/1/98

COLORADO RIVER ASSOCIATION FUND

FISCAL YEAR 98-99 BUDGET

Account No. 1	Awards & Honoraria		\$	300
Account No. 2	Postage Including Newsletter		\$	1,000
Account No. 3	Office Supplies and Services		\$	2,800
	Telephone Service & Expenses @ \$160/mo	\$	1,920	
	Miscellaneous	\$	880	
Account No. 4	Travel & Conference Expenses		\$	83,500
	Luncheons, Association Citizens	\$	7,000	
	Advisory Committee, District, State Congressional, other Representatives			
	Lower Colorado River Tour 1	\$	12,000	
	Lower Colorado River Tour 2	\$	24,500	
	Congressional Reps			
	Tour	\$	12,000	
	Airfare	\$	12,500	
	Lower Colorado River Tour 3	\$	10,000	
	California Legislative Staff			
	Upper Colorado River Tour 4			
	CRB Members & Agency Staff	\$	28,000	
	Tour	\$	9,000	
	Charter Service	\$	19,000	
	General Manager & CRB	\$	2,000	
	E.D. Expenses			
Account No. 5	Newsletters, News Releases & Brochure		\$	12,200
	3 Newsletters; printing and mailing 3600 copies @ 1200/ mailing	\$	2,000	
	List Maint., Handing Requests, etc.	\$	700	
	Printing-5000 copies of California	\$	9,000	
	Stake in Colorado River	\$	500	
	Miscellaneous			
Account No. 6	Telephone		\$	300
Account No. 7	Contingency Reserve		\$	<u>3,800</u>
	ESTIMATED CRA BUDGET		\$	103,900
	Prior Assessment		\$	<u>(12,900)</u>
	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION		\$	91,000