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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**To:** Board of Directors (Legal and Claims Committee--Action)

**From:** *for* General Manager

**Submitted by:** Gary M. Snyder  
Chief Engineer

*Gary M. Snyder*

**Subject:** Resolution of Necessity Directing the General Counsel to Condemn Property Required for the Inland Feeder Project in San Bernardino County, California, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 0300-231-38, MWD's Right-of-Way Parcel Number INFED1-15-170TEA1 and Owners' Names: Ralph J. and Carol J. Thompson, Jr., Wilfred M. and Margaret R. Huse, Ellensworth E. and Barbara M. Wareham and Inland Commercial Investments

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt, by a two-thirds vote, the resolution of necessity to condemn the property described in Exhibits A and B, attached hereto, in accordance with the eminent domain law, and directing the General Counsel to commence condemnation proceedings in San Bernardino County to acquire said property.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Metropolitan will require a five-year temporary construction easement across real property owned by Ralph J. and Carol J. Thompson, Jr., Wilfred M. and Margaret R. Huse, Ellensworth E. and Barbara M. Wareham and Inland Commercial Investments and as described in Exhibits A and B, attached hereto, located in San Bernardino County, California, for portions of the Inland Feeder Project. An offer to purchase the easement as required by California Government Code section 7267.2 was made, but no agreement has been reached. Adoption of a resolution of necessity as attached is recommended to authorize the commencing of an eminent domain action to acquire the property.

### DETAILED REPORT

Metropolitan seeks a five-year temporary construction easement across property owned by several property owners located on the south edge of the City of Redlands, north of Live Oak Canyon Road about 1.5 miles west of Interstate 10 in San Bernardino County. The easement is required as a staging area to support construction of the subsurface tunnel which passes under the westerly end of the property. The permanent easement (INFED1-15-170PEA) has already been

acquired by Metropolitan. The property is vacant land and Metropolitan's easement encumbers 8.415 acres of a larger parcel (173 acres) and has been appraised at \$21,500.

On September 4, 1998, a notice of intention to adopt a resolution of necessity and for an opportunity to appear and be heard before the Special Committee on Real Property Management on September 22, 1998, as to the necessity for the Project and the taking of the easement, was served on the property owners. The Eminent Domain Law requires an owner to provide a written request for a hearing within 15 days after the notice was served to be entitled to a hearing on the adoption of a resolution of necessity. No written request was received and the property owners did not appear at the hearing. A written summary of the hearing and the recommendation of the Special Committee on Real Property Management is attached. The Special Committee voted to recommend approval of the proposed resolution.

Transmitted herewith is the form of resolution declaring the necessity of the Project and the acquisition of the temporary easement described in Exhibits A and B, attached thereto, and directing the General Counsel to commence condemnation proceedings in San Bernardino County to acquire the temporary easement.

On February 9, 1993, the Board certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Inland Feeder Project had been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State Guidelines, and that it had reviewed and considered the information contained in that document. The Board's action on the subject resolution is therefore in compliance with CEQA. No further environmental documentation or review is necessary for the Board to act on this request.

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Attachment(s)

SUMMARY OF HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REGARDING ADOPTION  
OF A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO CONDEMN  
PROPERTY FOR THE INLAND FEEDER PROJECT

On September 22, 1998, at the offices of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, located at 350 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90071, Room 311, a hearing was held by the Special Committee on Real Property Management of the Board of Directors. Committee Chairman Jerry King presided. The Committee was called to order and a quorum was present.

Senior Deputy General Counsel Lauren Brainard advised the Committee that it has been delegated the authority by Metropolitan's Board of Directors to hold the hearing required by law as a prerequisite to the adoption of a resolution of necessity to acquire property through the exercise of the eminent domain power. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the Committee to make a determination regarding whether the public interest and necessity require the proposed Project, whether the Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury, and whether the easements to be acquired are necessary for the Project.

Mr. Brainard further advised the Committee that the offer to purchase the easement had been made to the owners in accordance with the law. The owners were provided written notice of the hearing, but no request to appear was received and no appearance was made.

Mr. Brainard made a presentation regarding the Inland Feeder Project, and identified the subject property as a five year temporary construction easement located in San Bernardino County north of Live Oak Canyon Road on the south edge of the City of Redlands, is required as a shaft site and staging area, and encumbers approximately 8.4 acres for the Riverside Badlands Tunnel. The property is vacant land. The subsurface tunnel easement had already been acquired by Metropolitan. Director Peterson asked the purpose of the shaft sites. Project Manager Dennis Majors replied that the shaft sites were necessary for access and ventilation.

The Committee voted to recommend adoption of the resolution of necessity.

**RESOLUTION 8610**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DIRECTING THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY  
SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
(INLAND FEEDER PROJECT)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (the "District").

Section 1. The District's Board hereby finds and determines that the public interest and necessity require, for public use, the construction, operation and maintenance of water conveyance facilities ("Inland Feeder Project") in the County of San Bernardino for the transportation and distribution of water for use within the District's boundaries and that certain properties situated in the County of San Bernardino are necessary therefor.

Section 2. The temporary easement to be acquired for the public use set forth in section 1, above, consists of a parcel of land described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and shown on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. The District's Board hereby declares its intention to acquire the temporary easement described in Exhibits A and B attached, by proceedings in eminent domain as authorized by the Metropolitan Water District Act (Stats. 1969, Ch. 209, as amended).

Section 4. The District's Board hereby finds and determines that the proposed Project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

Section 5. The District's Board hereby finds and determines that the temporary easement described in Exhibits A and B attached hereto are necessary for the proposed Project.

Section 6. The District's Board hereby finds and determines that the offer required by Government Code section 7267.2 has been made to the owners of record of the property described in Exhibits A and B, attached hereto.

Section 7. The District's General Counsel is hereby directed to commence proceedings in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino for the purpose of condemning and acquiring the temporary easement described in Exhibits A and B attached hereto, and to take such steps as may be necessary to secure an order of court permitting the District to take possession of the easement described in Exhibits A and B attached hereto for the uses and purposes herein described. He is authorized to take such actions and steps as he deems necessary

in connection with such proceedings, including the amending of the complaint to reduce the extent of the easement to be acquired so as to reduce the compensation payable in the action where such change could not substantially impair the construction and operation of the said public works, and to incur expenses necessary and incidental to the action.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California held the 13th day of October, 1998, by vote of two-thirds of all its members, and I further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution.

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Executive Secretary  
The Metropolitan Water District of  
Southern California

## EXHIBIT A

1. A temporary easement for a term of five (5) years commencing on the effective date of an order for possession, in the property located in the County of San Bernardino, State of California, described herein as Parcel INFED1-15-170TEA1, and as shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto, for purposes of construction of a water conveyance pipeline, and subject to the following conditions:

Prior to termination of the easement, all facilities or soils placed on the property by Metropolitan or its contractor shall be removed and the property and any improvements located thereon shall be restored or repaired to a condition as near as practicable to the condition that existed prior to Metropolitan's use of the easement.

## EXHIBIT A

INFED1-15-170TEA1  
(Staging Area)  
Ralph J. Thompson Jr.  
Trustee, et al

That portion of Government Lot 2 of Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, San Bernardino Meridian, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Lot 2; thence along the north line of said Lot 2, S 87° 14' 57" E 975.34 feet; thence leaving said north line S 01° 01' 40" E 723.66 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 89° 31' 43" W 559.02 feet; thence S 01° 01' 40" E 410.02 feet to a point on the south line of Parcel No. 2 as conveyed by Grant Deed, recorded December 14, 1990 as Instrument No. 90-491678 of Official Records of said County; thence along said south line, N 89° 31' 43" E 894.04 feet to a point on the east line of said Lot 2; thence along said east line, N 01° 01' 40" W 410.02 feet; thence S 89° 31' 43" W 335.03 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PREPARED UNDER MY SUPERVISION

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Peter G. Wiseman, P.L.S. 6241

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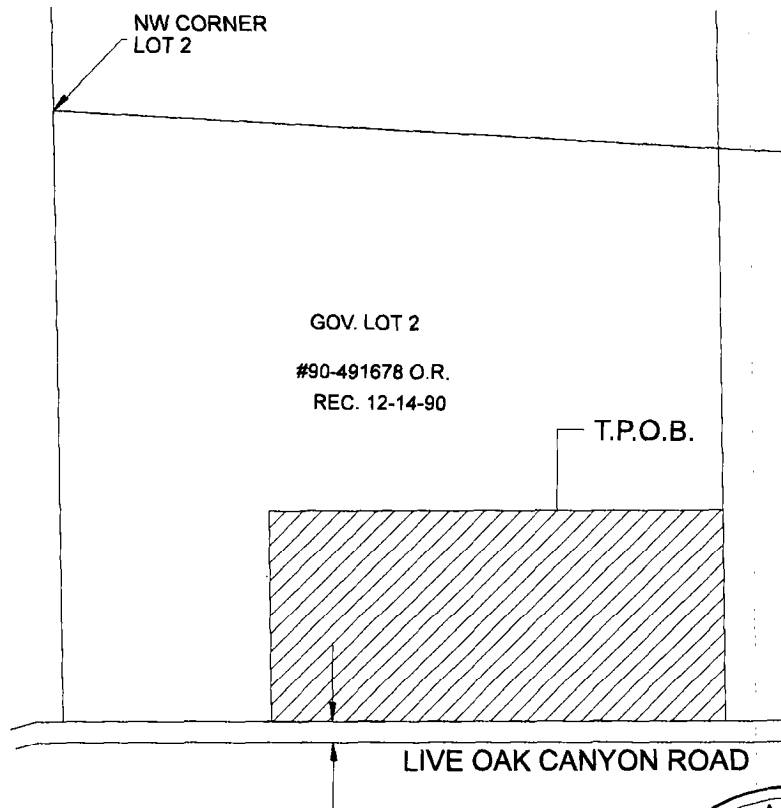
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EXHIBIT B

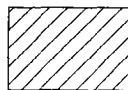
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"THIS EXHIBIT IS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION"

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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



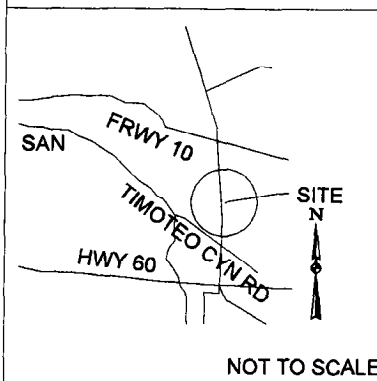
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TEMPORARY EASEMENT  
INFED1-15-170TEA1  
(8.415 AC. TOTAL)



VICINITY MAP



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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

INLAND FEEDER  
TEMPORARY EASEMENT  
(STAGING AREA)  
RALPH J. THOMPSON TRUSTEE ET AL  
TO  
MWD  
INFED1-15-170TEA1