



October 10, 1998

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054

RE: EASTSIDE RESERVOIR - SAFE WATER CONTACT

Dear Honorable Chairman and Board Members:

On behalf of the County of Riverside, I respectfully request that the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California adopt the divided-basin 81,000 level of water-contact recreation for the Eastside Reservoir.

As evidenced in the attached letter and Resolution, the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors supports this scenario, which will ensure clean water while also allowing MWD and the surrounding communities to recognize some of the economic benefits of water-contact recreation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Hudson
Executive Director

Encl.

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October 5, 1998

John Foley, Chairman, Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054

Re: EASTSIDE RESERVOIR SAFE WATER CONTACT

Dear Chairman Foley and Members of the Board:

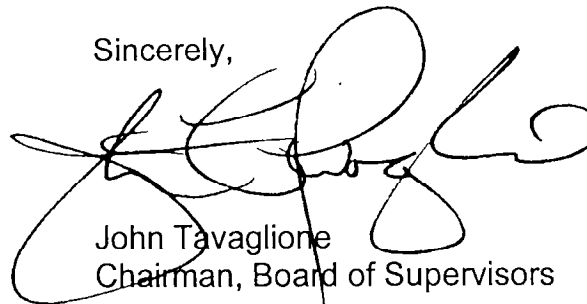
Enclosed is Resolution No. 98-288 which was unanimously adopted by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on August 18, 1998. This Resolution requests that the Metropolitan Water District adopt the divided-basin 81,000 level of water-contact recreation for the Eastside Reservoir.

While the economic benefits of water-contact recreation are important to Riverside County, we also recognize the importance of clean water and minimization of the costs associated with water treatment. The Pathogen Risk Model has shown that a level of 81,000 body contacts annually on a divided-basin scenario will not require additional water treatment. Therefore, the logical choice is to adopt a plan to allow water contact recreation at the divided-basin level of 81,000 annual contacts as defined in the MWD Pathogen Risk Model.

Riverside County strongly recommends that the MWD Board adopt this scenario, as evidenced in the attached Resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Tavaglione
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-288**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
RECOMMENDING TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
A THRESHOLD FOR SAFE WATER-CONTACT RECREATION
AT THE EASTSIDE RESERVOIR**

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Water District is a major stakeholder in the future of Riverside County, by virtue of its investment of public funds in the construction of the Eastside Reservoir in western Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Water District has commissioned and completed the Pathogen Risk Model, an exhaustive review to finitely define the potential health risks which may result from various levels of water-contact recreation at the Eastside Reservoir, which was reviewed and certified by a blue ribbon panel of the most prominent scientists in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Water District, both Independently and in conjunction with the County of Riverside and City of Hemet, has prepared detailed assessments showing the great demand for water sports recreation in Southern California and significant regional economic benefits associated with such recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, The Pathogen Risk Model, divided-basin scenario, defines a level of 81,000 body contacts annually which will not require additional ozonation or other water treatment; and

WHEREAS, The annual volume of water under the 81,000 person scenario would be 3.2 billion gallons per person, a volume of water equivalent to 300,000 home, in-ground swimming pools per person annually; and,

WHEREAS, The County of Riverside advocates the adoption of a level of water-contact recreation which will not require additional water treatment and which will not increase water delivery costs to rate-payers; and,

WHEREAS, Any associated recreational costs related to water-contact recreation should be borne solely by water sports participants, not rate-payers;

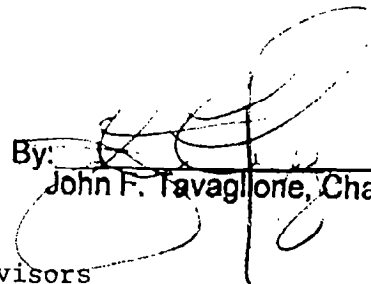
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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the regional importance of water-contact recreational activities in the Eastside Reservoir, the County of Riverside respectfully recommends that the Metropolitan Water District adopt the divided-basin 81,000 level of water-contact recreation as defined in the MWD Pathogen Risk Model.

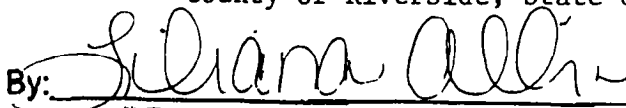
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors this ___ day of August, 1998, by the following vote:

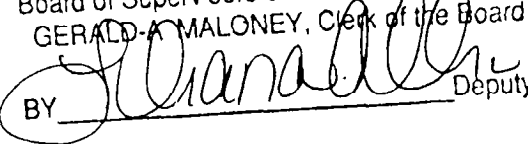
AYES: Buster, Tavaglione, Venable and Wilson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mullen

By: 
John F. Tavaglione, Chairman

AUG 18 1998

ATTEST: GERALD A. MALONEY
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Riverside, State of California

By: 
DEPUTY

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by Riverside County Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.
GERALD A. MALONEY, Clerk of the Board
BY  Deputy