

May 18, 1999

To: Board of Directors (Engineering and Operations Committee—Information)

From: General Manager _____

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Chief of Operations

Subject: Operations Division May 1999 Operating Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Metropolitan’s May 1999 updated Operating Plan addresses the importation, storage, treatment and distribution of water through calendar year 2000. The plan includes projections of water sales, supplies, demands, storage, salinity management and shutdowns. This updated Operating Plan is available on Metropolitan’s internet site at <http://aqueduct.mwd.dst.ca.us/op.htm>.

For calendar year 1998 water sales were 1.45 million acre-feet. Projected calendar year 1999 water sales are 1.71 million acre-feet, although actual sales could range from 1.59 to 1.80 million acre-feet. Metropolitan’s total available water supply for calendar year 1999 is 2.54 million acre-feet. (It is important to note that calendar year sales will differ from cash year sales which is a measurement over a different time period.)

In April 1999 Metropolitan’s Board of Directors approved a Salinity Management Policy effective April 1999 through calendar year 2004. This policy established a salinity objective of 500 mg/l at the Weymouth, Diemer and Skinner filtration plants, as well as the raw water pipelines to San Diego. Recognizing the potential impacts to the region’s water supply reliability, the policy will be implemented over two time periods. During the critical period, from April through September, the salinity objective has the highest priority. During the non-critical periods, from January through March and October through December, the salinity objective is dependent on water supply and water quality conditions.

This Operating Plan also addresses Metropolitan’s plans for the initial fill of Eastside Reservoir. Based on the latest construction schedule and projections of water availability for calendar year 2000, it is estimated that storage in Eastside Reservoir will be approximately 300,000 acre-feet by the end of the year 2000.

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