



- Board of Directors  
*Communications and Legislation Committee*

March 14, 2000 Board Meeting

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**Subject**

Authorization to spend \$5,000 as a sponsor of the Water Education Foundation's Water Leader Class 2000.

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**Description**

The Water Leader Class is a one-year program that identifies young community leaders from diverse backgrounds. This mentoring program connects young professionals with established leaders in the water community. The resulting exchange of ideas and information, combined with foundation tours, briefings and the collaborative writing of a research report by participants, enhances individual leadership skills and prepares participants to take an active, cooperative approach to decision making about water resources.

The Water Education Foundation was formed in 1977 to develop and implement education programs leading to a broader understanding of water issues and to the resolution of water problems. Due to strong leadership and an increasing need for information on pressing water controversies, the foundation has created a number of outreach programs, including the Water Leader Class.

Because the year 2000 program schedule does not coincide with the time line for Metropolitan's new Community Partnering Program (CPP), this item is being submitted separately. It is expected that requests for membership renewal and future sponsorships will conform to CPP guidelines.

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**Policy**

Exceeds General Manager's authority. Requires Board approval.

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**Board Options/Fiscal Impacts**

**Option #1**

Authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 as a sponsor of the Water Education Foundation Water Leaders Class 2000.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$5,000

**Option #2**

Deny the request for sponsorship.

**Fiscal Impact:** none

**Option #3**

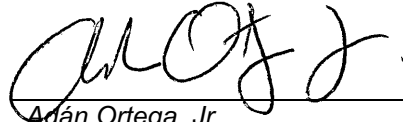
Defer consideration for this request until all Community Partnering Program submissions have been evaluated and forwarded to the Board as part of the budget preparation process.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$5,000+

**Staff Recommendation**

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**Option 1** -- Authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 as a sponsor of the Water Education Foundation Water Leaders Class 2000.



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2/18/2000

Date



General Manager

2/24/2000

Date