

- **Board of Directors**
Engineering and Operations Committee

December 12, 2000 Board Meeting

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Subject

Approve construction of a service connection by Three Valleys Municipal Water District on San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's pipeline for deliveries of Metropolitan water using Metropolitan's capacity rights

Description

In 1975, Metropolitan entered into an exchange agreement with San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (San Gabriel District) to deliver full service water to the city of Alhambra, a member agency of San Gabriel District, in exchange for capacity rights in the Azusa/Devil Canyon Transmission Pipeline. This pipeline delivers water from the East Branch of the State Water Project at Devil Canyon to San Gabriel District's member agencies.

Since inception of the agreement, Metropolitan has used its rights to move water intermittently for spreading purposes, using the discharge valve at the end of the pipeline to meet spreading orders for Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District and Three Valleys Municipal Water District (Three Valleys) at San Gabriel Canyon spreading grounds. This discharge valve can deliver up to 55 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Three Valleys proposes to construct a service connection on San Gabriel District's pipeline to spread water at Live Oak spreading grounds, owned by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The spread water would benefit Three Valleys' service area and, in turn, would benefit Metropolitan's service area. The service connection would be able to deliver up to 20 cfs for replenishment purposes. The arrangement requires the approval of the San Gabriel District, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and Metropolitan.

Chapter 7 of the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code gives the General Manager the authority to approve service connections on Metropolitan's distribution system and requires any service connection constructed for diversion of water from Metropolitan's distribution system to be owned, operated, maintained and controlled by Metropolitan. Since the service connection that Three Valleys requests is not on Metropolitan's distribution system, it is requested that the Board approve construction of a service connection by Three Valleys on San Gabriel District's pipeline for deliveries of Metropolitan water using Metropolitan's capacity rights. Three Valleys would own and maintain the service connection, and San Gabriel District would operate the service connection. Deliveries through the service connection would be coordinated through Metropolitan's Operations Control Center, and Metropolitan would maintain automated meter-reading equipment to determine flows and to provide water-invoicing information. A draft copy of the service connection agreement is available in the Executive Secretary's office for review.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code, Division IV, Chapter 7, Service Connections.

CEQA Compliance / Environmental Documentation

The proposed project is categorically exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The overall activities involve the minor alteration of existing public facilities with negligible expansion of use and no possibility of significantly impacting the physical environment. As such, this proposed project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines).

Board Options/Fiscal Impacts

Option #1

Determine that, pursuant to the CEQA, the proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (Class 1, Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines); approve the General Manager executing an agreement in form approved by the General Counsel to construct a service connection by Three Valleys Municipal Water District on San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's pipeline as described in this letter.

Fiscal Impact: Full service sales replaced by replenishment sales.

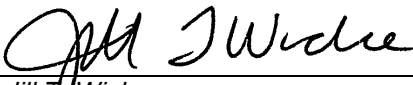
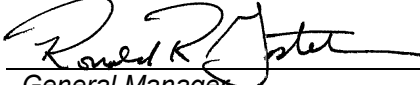
Option #2

No action.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1

	11/14/2000
Jill T. Wicke Manager, Water System Operations	Date
	11/20/2000
Ronald R. Foster General Manager	Date