

● **Board of Directors**
Water Planning, Quality and Resources Committee

May 15, 2001 Board Meeting

8-3

Subject

Adopt resolutions in support of proposals for Proposition 13 funding requests for groundwater storage and urban water conservation projects

Description

The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act of 2000 (Proposition 13) provides for competitive grants for groundwater storage and conservation projects. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has budgeted \$9.5 million in the current fiscal year for groundwater storage projects. This is the first year of the competitive grant program for groundwater storage and DWR anticipates a substantial increase in funding for the next several years. Conservation funding under Proposition 13 is limited to \$100,000 per individual feasibility study until \$1.75 million is expended. Metropolitan staff expects to submit grant proposals as funding becomes available.

Metropolitan submitted four applications for financial assistance to take advantage of this opportunity. As part of its administrative process, DWR has requested each applicant's Board of Directors approve a resolution in support of its agency's proposals.

Metropolitan's four proposals for Proposition 13 funding include:

- Hayfield Groundwater Storage Project - \$2.6 million requested toward the cost of land acquisition. ([Attachment 1](#))
- Upper Chuckwalla Groundwater Basin Feasibility Study - \$1 million requested toward the cost of the feasibility study, which is proceeding as authorized by the Board. ([Attachment 2](#))
- Feasibility Study and Pilot Project to Quantify Water Requirements for Landscape Urban Conservation BMP No. 5 - \$100,000 requested to study the potential water savings in landscape water use related to increased consumer education on landscape water needs. ([Attachment 3](#))
- Assessment of Capital Outlay Project for Urban Conservation - \$100,000 requested to determine the saturation rate of older conservation measures (such as 1.6 gallon toilets and 2.5 gallons per minute showerheads) and to study the potential water savings from newer conservation measures (such as high-efficiency clothes washers.) ([Attachment 4](#))

Attachments 1 through 4 are the resolutions for each of the proposals. The resolutions are prerequisites to consideration of the proposals by DWR. A final decision by DWR on the grant awards is expected later this month.

The proposed resolutions in support of the DWR grant proposals are not defined as a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because the proposed action involves the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities (Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

Policy

By Minute Item 44382, dated March 13, 2001, the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1.85 million for a feasibility investigation of a groundwater storage program in the Upper Chuckwalla Valley.

By Minute Item 44059, dated June 13, 2000, the Board approved implementation of the Hayfield/Chuckwalla Storage Program and appropriating partial Program funding.

By Minute Item 43619, dated July 23, 1999, the Board adopted the Statement of Needs for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program directing staff to seek state and federal funding for Southern California projects in water quality, water recycling, water conservation, groundwater banking and watershed management programs.

Board Options/Fiscal Impacts

Option #1

Determine that the resolutions relating to the DWR grant proposals are not subject to CEQA per Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Adopt the attached resolutions in support of the grant proposals.

Fiscal Impact: Supports the opportunity to receive \$3.8 million of grant funding.

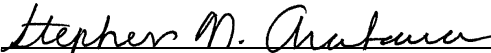

Option #2

Determine that the resolutions relating to the DWR grant proposals are not subject to CEQA per Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Do not adopt one or more of the resolutions in support of the grant proposals.

Fiscal Impact: Could delay or cancel further consideration of grant proposals.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1

 Stephen N. Arakawa Manager, Water Resource Management	4/20/2001 Date
 Ronald R. Jester General Manager	4/23/2001 Date

- Attachment 1 – Resolution for the Hayfield Groundwater Storage Project**
- Attachment 2 – Resolution for Upper Chuckwalla Groundwater Basin Feasibility Study**
- Attachment 3 – Resolution for Feasibility Study and Pilot Project to Quantify Water Requirements for Landscape Urban Conservation BMP No. 5**
- Attachment 4 – Resolution for Assessment of Potential Capital Outlay Projects for Urban Conservation**

RESOLUTION _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REQUESTING FUNDING PURSUANT
TO SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED
PROTECTION AND FLOOD PROTECTION ACT
(PROPOSITION 13, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 2)**

FOR

THE HAYFIELD GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROJECT

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act, and amendments thereto, application by this District be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant for a groundwater storage project (Chapter 9, Article 2).

The General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, sign, and file such application with the California Department of Water Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary is hereby directed to file forthwith certified copies of this resolution with the Department of Water Resources.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its regular meeting held May 15, 2001.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

RESOLUTION _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REQUESTING FUNDING PURSUANT
TO SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND
FLOOD PROTECTION ACT (PROPOSITION 13, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 2)**

FOR

UPPER CHUCKWALLA GROUNDWATER BASIN FEASIBILITY STUDY

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act, and amendments thereto, application by this District be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a feasibility study and pilot project grant for a groundwater storage project (Chapter 9, Article 2).

The General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, sign, and file such application with the California Department of Water Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary is hereby directed to file forthwith certified copies of this resolution with the Department of Water Resources.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its regular meeting held May 15, 2001.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

RESOLUTION _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REQUESTING FUNDING PURSUANT
TO THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED
PROTECTION AND FLOOD PROTECTION ACT
(PROPOSITION 13, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 6)**

FOR

**FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PILOT PROJECT TO QUANTIFY WATER
REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE URBAN CONSERVATION BMP NO. 5**

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act, and amendments thereto, application by this District be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a feasibility study grant for an urban water conservation project (Chapter 8, Article 6).

The General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, sign, and file such application with the California Department of Water Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary is hereby directed to file forthwith certified copies of this resolution with the Department of Water Resources.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its regular meeting held May 15, 2001.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

RESOLUTION _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REQUESTING FUNDING PURSUANT
TO THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED
PROTECTION AND FLOOD PROTECTION ACT
(PROPOSITION 13, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 6)**

FOR

**ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS
FOR
URBAN CONSERVATION**

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act, and amendments thereto, application by this District be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a feasibility study grant for an urban water conservation project (Chapter 8, Article 6).

The General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, sign, and file such application with the California Department of Water Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary is hereby directed to file forthwith certified copies of this resolution with the Department of Water Resources.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its regular meeting held May 15, 2001.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California