

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

February 12, 2002 Board Meeting

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Subject

Adopt resolutions to support applications for Proposition 13 grants for groundwater storage construction 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 construction (Chapter 9, Article 2.) The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has budgeted up to \$91 million in the current fiscal year for groundwater storage construction projects.

Grant applications and project proposals were due on Dec. 17, 2001. DWR staff plan to complete the selection process and announce the grant awards in April. As part of its administrative process, DWR requires each applicant's governing body to approve a resolution in support of its agency's proposals. [Attachment 1](#) and [Attachment 2](#) are the resolutions for Metropolitan's proposals. The resolutions are prerequisites to full consideration in the selection process.

Metropolitan staff prepared and submitted two grant proposals for local conjunctive-use projects:

- Chino Basin Groundwater Storage Project - \$18.5 million requested for three ion exchange facilities and eight new groundwater wells as part of a 100,000-acre-foot storage project; and,
- Orange County Basin Groundwater Conjunctive-Use Program - \$13.8 million requested for a seawater barrier injection wells project and the Yorba Linda bypass feeder project as part of a 60,000-acre-foot storage project.

The grants, if awarded, would supplement the \$24 million already available for these projects under Proposition 13 for the Southern California Supply Reliability Projects Program (Chapter 9, Article 4).

Policy

By Minute Item 43688, dated Aug. 17, 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.

By Minute Item 44427, dated April 10, 2001, the Board directed staff to finalize agreement terms for conjunctive-use projects with member agencies whose proposals were recommended by a Metropolitan review committee.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA because the proposed action involves continuing administrative activities such as general policy and procedure-making (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA per Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required.

Board Options/Fiscal Impacts

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and resolutions to support Metropolitan's grant applications.

Fiscal Impact: Provide support for Metropolitan's applications for \$32.3 million in grant funding.

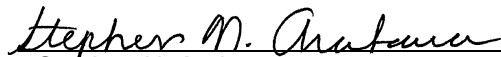
Option #2

Do not adopt resolution in support of the grant applications.

Fiscal Impact: Could delay or impede Metropolitan's applications for \$32.3 million in grant funding.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1


Stephen N. Arakawa
Manager, Water Resource Management

1/14/2002

Date


Ronald R. Gastelum
Chief Executive Officer

1/20/2002

Date

Attachment 1 – Resolution for Chino Basin Groundwater Storage Project

Attachment 2 – Resolution for Orange County Basin Groundwater Conjunctive-Use Program

BLA #1429

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
CHINO BASIN 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 Metropolitan be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant for a groundwater storage project (Chapter 9, Article 2).

The Chief Executive Officer 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 February 12, 2002.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

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PROTECTION AND FLOOD PROTECTION ACT
(PROPOSITION 13, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 2)
FOR
ORANGE COUNTY BASIN GROUNDWATER CONJUNCTIVE-USE PROGRAM**

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