

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

May 14, 2002 Board Meeting

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Subject

Authorize purchase of lattice crane for \$517,433 for Desert Unit in fiscal year 2001/02 budget

Description

This truck-mounted lattice crane was included in the FY 2001/02 budget (Item No. 02-01013-012) with an estimated cost of \$405,000. This crane is required to replace an existing crane equipped to clean the open canal sections of the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA). This piece of equipment plays an important role in maintaining optimum flow through the CRA. The existing crane will be salvaged and is a 1966 model for which replacement parts have become very difficult to obtain. This truck-mounted lattice crane is specifically configured with a horizontally mounted boom to provide the necessary reach to scoop debris out of the canal and has a life expectancy of 10 to 15 years. The cost of this purchase is \$517,433 from an authorized dealer. Metropolitan's Administrative Code requires Board approval for all expenditures in excess of 110 percent of the amount specified in the budget. This exceeds the estimated cost by \$112,433, or 28 percent of the originally budgeted amount for this piece of operating equipment.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code § 8121: Contracts for Equipment, Materials, Supplies, and Routine Services

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for staff recommendation:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA, because it involves continuing maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA guidelines). In addition, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA because it involves other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment (Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA guidelines).

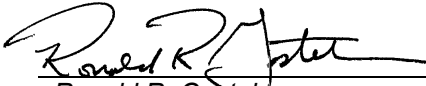
The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA guidelines.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize purchase of a lattice crane for \$517,433 for the Desert Unit in fiscal year 2001/02 budget.



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Manager, Water System Operations
4/15/2002
Date



Ronald R. Gastelum
Chief Executive Officer
4/22/2002
Date

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