

- **Board of Directors**
Diamond Valley Recreation Special Committee

November 19, 2002 Board Meeting

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Subject

Appropriate \$1.7 million and authorize entering into agreement(s), not to exceed \$1.4 million, to provide consulting design services for infrastructure at the Diamond Valley Lake East Recreation Area (Approp. 15334)

Description

Metropolitan had previously considered developing the Diamond Valley Lake (DVL) East Recreation Area utilizing the services of a master developer under a public-private partnership. In February 2002, the Board directed staff to proceed with the development of the public-use components of the East Recreation Area.

The East Recreation Area at DVL is planned for the area immediately adjacent to the East Dam. The site currently remains in an undeveloped state. As the site developer, Metropolitan is responsible for the installation of the infrastructure to support the planned recreation amenities. The recreation amenities currently planned for the site are: (1) the Southern California Water Education Center; (2) Western Center for Archeology and Paleontology; (3) Valley-Wide Park and Aquatic Facility; (4) a recreation lake with day-use picnic area; and (5) a youth camp. The infrastructure required to support these planned facilities includes roadway, utilities, drainage facilities, and miscellaneous grading.

Metropolitan issued RFP No. 580 to solicit proposals from outside consulting firms to perform infrastructure design. A qualifications-based selection process performed in accordance with Metropolitan's policies and procedures has identified those respondents qualified to perform the work. A professional services agreement will be negotiated with selected respondent(s) in an amount not to exceed \$1.4 million to provide design services for the project.

This board action will authorize design of the infrastructure to support the planned recreation facilities at the DVL East Recreation Area. A detailed financial statement is included as [Attachment 1](#). This project has been evaluated and recommended by the Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Evaluation Team, and is included in the CIP budget for fiscal year 2002/03. Subsequent authorization and funding will be required for construction.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code § 5108: Capital Project Appropriation

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code § 8117: Professional and Technical Consultants

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determinations for Options #1 and #2:

An analysis was performed to examine the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the Diamond Valley Lake Park Specific Plan (Specific Plan), which would include certain activities within the 538-acre site located in the city of Hemet in Riverside County. The proposed actions in this board letter are part of the Specific Plan. To comply with the CEQA, Metropolitan as the Lead Agency prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND was distributed for a 30-day public review period that began on June 4, 2002, and ended on July 3, 2002. Since that time, the document has been modified to address comments received during the public comment period and changes to the project description. The MND is entitled "Diamond Valley Lake Park Specific Plan MND (Metropolitan Report No. 1190)." It includes the Initial Study and Environmental Checklist form and was distributed for a 30-day public review period that started on August 13, 2002, and ended on September 11, 2002. The Board adopted the MND and the mitigation monitoring and reporting program

(MMRP) on October 8, 2002. Hence, the proposed actions fully comply with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. As such, no further environmental documentation is necessary for the Board to act on with respect to these proposed actions.

The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed actions have been previously addressed in the adopted 2002 MND and the MMRP, and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required.

Board Options/Fiscal Impacts

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and

- a. Authorize an increase in Appropriation No. 15334 by \$1.7 million to a total of \$15.5 million and authorize all work in advance of award of a construction contract for supporting infrastructure at the DVL East Recreation Area; and
- b. Authorize the CEO to enter into agreement(s) for design services with the selected respondent(s) in an amount not to exceed \$1.4 million.

Fiscal Impact: \$1.7 million in budgeted CIP funds.

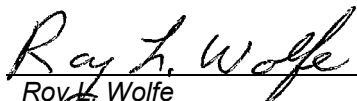
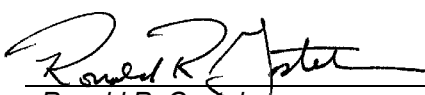
Option #2

Adopt the CEQA determination and recommend that the Board direct in-house technical staff to perform the design. Utilization of in-house staff for this work will delay other planned CIP projects.

Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$1.7 million in budgeted CIP funds.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1

 _____ Roy L. Wolfe Manager, Corporate Resources	10/16/2002 Date
 _____ Ronald R. Gastelum Chief Executive Officer	10/16/2002 Date

Attachment 1 – Financial Statement for Diamond Valley Recreation Program

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Financial Statement for Diamond Valley Recreation Program

A breakdown of Board Action No. 4 for Approp. No. 15334 for all work in advance of award of a construction contract for supporting infrastructure at the DVL East Recreation Area is as follows:

	Previous Board Action No. 3 (Nov. 2002)	Current Board Action No. 4 (Nov. 2002)	New Total Appropriated Amount
Labor			
Design and Specifications	\$ 100,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 164,000
Owner Costs (Program Management, Bidding Process)	3,564,000	184,000	3,748,000
Materials and Supplies	5,000	10,000	15,000
Incidental Expenses	101,000	20,000	121,000
Professional/Technical Services	7,875,000	1,236,000	9,111,000
Equipment Use	3,000	10,000	13,000
Contracts	2,100,000	0	2,100,000
Remaining Budget	<u>102,000</u>	<u>176,000</u>	<u>278,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,850,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,700,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,550,000</u>

Funding Request

Program Name:	Diamond Valley Recreation		
Source of Funds:	Construction Funds (General Obligation, Revenue Bonds, Pay-as-You-Go)		
Appropriation No.:	15334	Board Action No.:	4
Requested Amount:	\$ 1,700,000	Capital Program No.:	15334-R
Total Appropriated Amount:	\$ 15,550,000	Capital Program Page No.:	E-25
Total Program Estimate:	\$ 58,950,000	Program Goal:	Other