

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

February 11, 2003 Board Meeting

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Subject

Authorize entering into an agreement with Pinkerton, Inc., to provide security guard services for an amount not to exceed \$15.2 million and report on matter posing threat to public buildings or essential public services
[Conference with Metropolitan Security Manager Wayne Swanson or designated agent – Threat to public services or facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code § 54957(a)]

Description

In June 2002, the Board authorized a new security service contract as a result of heightened security recommendations from federal and state law enforcement agencies following the events of September 11, 2001. This contract included additional security guards and patrols throughout the service area. A new provider was retained but has failed to fully comply with a number of essential contract provisions. Despite repeated efforts by Metropolitan to help resolve these issues, the contract performance problems remain unresolved. Therefore, to protect and secure Metropolitan's facilities and services, a new security provider is now needed.

The current provider was selected through a Request for Proposal issued in January 2001 to provide security guard services for all Metropolitan facilities. Pinkerton, Inc., was the next qualified short-listed candidate for providing security guard services, and is now recommended for award of the remainder of the contract.

The security personnel ensure the protection of Metropolitan's assets and maintain a safe working environment for employees. Metropolitan's leadership in its security response to our national emergency is being recognized and validated. Metropolitan's security staff is working in coordination with the Sheriff's Department Terrorist Early Warning Network, the FBI's Critical Infrastructure Protection Group, the LAPD Counter-Terrorism Task Force, the California Highway Patrol, the California Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Health Services, and various local and municipal agencies, including local police departments.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code § 8115 (a): Negotiated Contracts over \$250,000

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Staff Recommendation:

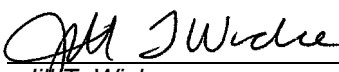
The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA because it involves continuing administrative activities, such as personnel-related actions (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA because it involves other government fiscal activities that 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).

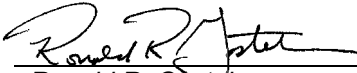
The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA per Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize entering into an agreement with Pinkerton, Inc., to provide security guard services for an amount not to exceed \$15.2 million.

Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$5 million per year

 Jill T. Wicke Manager, Water System Operations	1/22/2003 Date
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 Ronald R. Gastelum Chief Executive Officer	1/24/2003 Date
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