

- **Board of Directors**
Executive Committee

June 10, 2003 Board Meeting

8-5

Subject

Adopt final resolutions for annexation and to impose water standby charge for the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan

Description

The Eastern Municipal Water District (Eastern) has requested final terms and conditions for the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation concurrently to Eastern and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). On January 14, 2003, Metropolitan's Board granted conditional approval for this annexation. The total area for annexation is 26.53 acres, including a half-acre for road right-of-way. The property is located in the city of Murrieta, south of Murrieta Hot Springs Road, just east of the I-215 freeway interchange. The development plan consists of a 137-unit single-family residential development. Prior to completion of the annexation, Eastern will pay in full a fee of \$95,029.20, if the annexation is completed prior to December 31, 2003, or if completed later, at the then current annexation charge rate. The projected annual water demand on Metropolitan is approximately 83 acre-feet per year. Eastern also requests that Metropolitan impose a water standby charge within the proposed annexing territory. See [Attachment 1](#) for the detailed report.

Policy

Territory may be annexed to Metropolitan upon terms and conditions fixed by the Board and in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 1, § 350 through § 356 of Metropolitan's Act and Division III, § 3100(b) of its Administrative Code.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, Eastern, acting as the Lead Agency, adopted a Negative Declaration (ND) on December 18, 2002 for the proposed annexation process (also known as the Fieldstone Annexation). Metropolitan, as Responsible Agency under CEQA, is required to certify that it has reviewed and considered the information in the ND and adopt the Lead Agency's findings prior to approval of the formal terms and conditions for the proposed actions. The environmental documentation is included in [Attachment 4](#).

The CEQA determination is: Review and consider information provided in the 2002 adopted ND and adopt the Lead Agency's findings related to the proposed actions.

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Board Options/Fiscal Impacts

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and

- a. Adopt a resolution granting Eastern's request for approval of 72nd Fringe Area Annexation, concurrently to Metropolitan and Eastern, conditioned upon approval by the Local Agency Formation

Commission of Riverside County, and establishing Metropolitan's terms and conditions for this annexation. (**Attachment 2**); and

- b. Adopt a resolution to impose water standby charge at a rate of \$6.94 per acre or per parcel of less than one acre within the proposed annexation (**Attachment 3**).

Fiscal Impact: Receipt of annexation fee (\$95,029.20) and water sales revenue from newly annexed territory.

Option #2

Decline annexation of 72nd Fringe Area to Eastern.

Fiscal Impact: Unrealized annexation fees and water sales revenue from non-annexed territory.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1

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|  | 5/7/2003 |
| _____ Roy L. Wolfe Manager, Corporate Resources | Date |

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|  | 5/20/2003 |
| _____ Ronald R. Gastelum Chief Executive Officer | Date |

Attachment 1 – Detailed Report

Attachment 2 – Resolution Fixing Terms and Conditions

Attachment 3 – Resolution Fixing and Adopting Water Standby Charge

Attachment 4 – Environmental Documentation

BLA #2270

Detailed Report

Eastern 72nd Fringe Area

The Eastern Municipal Water District (Eastern) board of directors has requested final terms and conditions for the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation, concurrently to Eastern and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), by Resolution No. 3702, dated February 20, 2003. On January 14, 2003, Metropolitan's Board granted conditional approval for this annexation and adopted a resolution of intent to impose a water standby charge upon the annexing territory. The total area for annexation territory is 26.53 acres of which 0.51 acre is for road right-of-way. The development plan consists of 137 single-family residential units. The territory is currently vacant. Metropolitan's Board is asked to grant final approval, conditioned upon approval by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Riverside County, by adopting the Resolution Fixing Terms and Conditions (Attachment 2).

Metropolitan's Board adopted a resolution of intention to impose a water standby charge within the proposed 72nd Fringe Area Annexation at its meeting on January 14, 2003. Pursuant to Resolution 8835, the Board held a public hearing on March 11, 2003. Interested parties were given the opportunity to present their views regarding the proposed charge and the Engineer's Report. Also, pursuant to Resolution 8835 and in accordance with the requirements of Article XIII D, § 4, of the California Constitution, the Executive Secretary provided written notice, by mail, of such hearing to the owners of record of the parcels identified in the Revised Engineer's Report. Enclosed in the mailed notice was an assessment ballot whereby the owners could indicate either support or opposition to the proposed water standby charge. No majority protest (as defined in Article XIII D, § 4 of the California Constitution) was found to exist upon conclusion of the hearing; therefore, it will be requested that Metropolitan's Board consider and act upon the recommendation to adopt a second resolution (see Attachment 3), Resolution Fixing and Adopting Water Standby Charge, which imposes a Metropolitan water standby charge in the amount of \$6.94 per acre, or per parcel less than one acre, within the territory of 72nd Fringe Area Annexation.

The annexation charge has been calculated pursuant to § 3300 of Metropolitan's Administrative Code. Utilizing the current rate of \$3,460 per net acre and the sum of \$5,000 for processing costs, the annexation charge is \$95,029.20, if completed by December 31, 2003. If the annexation is completed after December 31, 2003, the annexation will be calculated based on the then current charge. The \$5,000 processing charge has already been paid.

Approval of Metropolitan's water standby charge in the amount noted above, which is equal to the amount of Metropolitan's water standby charge imposed elsewhere within Eastern's territory, is a condition to complete this annexation. Pursuant to the terms of the attached resolution (Attachment 3), Metropolitan may levy a standby charge at the rate stated in this resolution beginning in a subsequent fiscal year.

ANNEXATION TO
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

ANNEX. NO. TO FRINGE AREA NO.

IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 132 OF THE LANDS OF THE TEMECULA LAND AND WATER COMPANY AS SHOWN BY MAP FILED IN BOOK 8 PAGE 359 OF MAPS RECORDS OF THE RECORDER OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, LYING IN A PORTION OF SECTION 22, T.7S., R.3W., S.B.M. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF JACKSON AVENUE AND FIG STREET AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF THE TEMECULA LAND AND WATER COMPANY MAP;

THENCE N.48°16'04"E. ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF FIG STREET, A DISTANCE OF 659.76 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE N.41°40'12"W. A DISTANCE OF 660.03 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF WALTON WAY AS SHOWN ON PARCEL MAP NO. 16245 RECORDED IN BOOK 90 PAGE 34 OF PARCEL MAPS RECORDS OF THE RECORDER OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY CALIFORNIA;

THENCE S.48°16'04"W. ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 564.29 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION IN SAID CENTERLINE OF JACKSON AVENUE, SAID POINT BEING IN A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 2400.00 FEET;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF JACKSON AVENUE AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE FROM AN INITIAL RADIAL LINE BEARING S.64°32'42"W., A DISTANCE OF 731.10 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 17°27'13" TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION IN THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 132;

THENCE N.48°16'04"E., ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE , A DISTANCE OF 916.94 FEET, TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION IN THE CENTERLINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE (VACATED), ALSO BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 132;

THENCE S.41°40'12"E. ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 132, A DISTANCE OF 1320.05 FEET, TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION IN SAID CENTERLINE OF FIG STREET;

THENCE S48°16'04"W., ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF FIG STREET, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 132, A DISTANCE OF 659.76 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

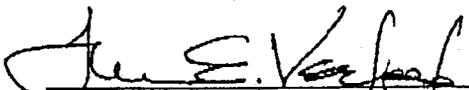
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REVIEWED BY
THE METROPOLITAN WATER
DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
TITLE ENGINEERING TEAM

DATE: 10-10-2002 *pm*

EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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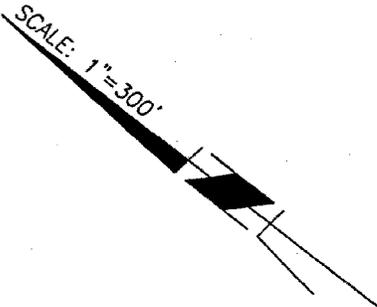
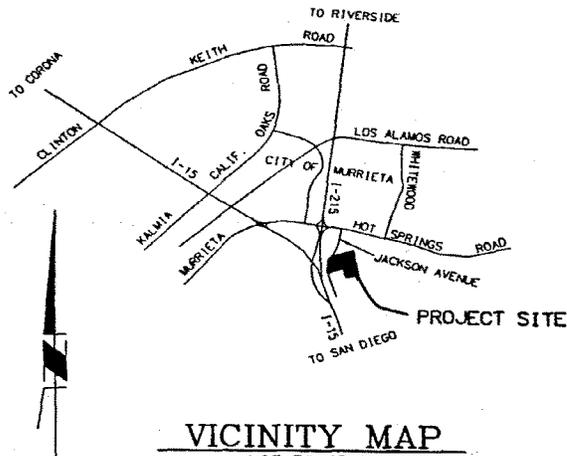

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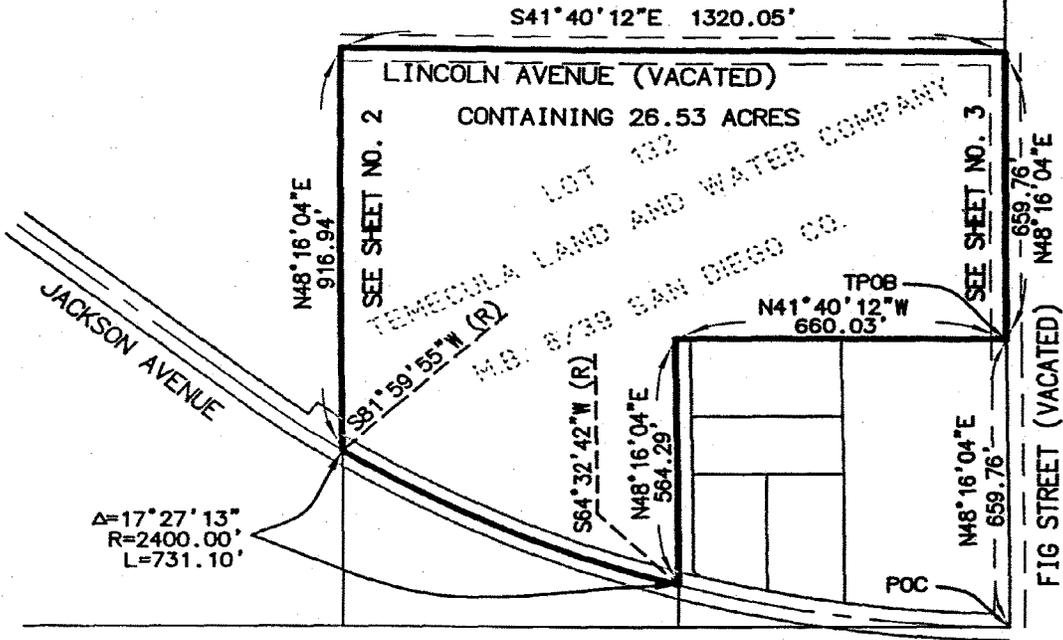
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SHEET 1 OF 3 SHEET

ANNEXATION NO. _____
TO E.M.W.D.



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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CONSENTING TO EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S
72nd FRINGE AREA ANEXATION
AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID ANNEXATION TO
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A. WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Eastern Municipal Water District (Eastern), a municipal water district, situated in the County of Riverside, State of California, pursuant to Resolution No. 3702, in accordance with the provisions of the Metropolitan Water District Act, has applied to the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) for consent to annex thereto certain uninhabited territory situated in the county of Riverside, particularly described in an application to the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), concurrently with the annexation thereof to Eastern, such annexation to Metropolitan to be upon such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Board of Directors of Metropolitan; and

B. WHEREAS, completion of said annexation shall be conditioned upon approval by the LAFCO; and

C. WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Eastern, acting as the Lead Agency, adopted the Fieldstone Annexation Negative Declaration (ND) in 2002 for the proposed annexation of the property associated with the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation. Also pursuant to CEQA, Metropolitan, as Responsible Agency, is required to certify that it has reviewed and considered the information in the ND and adopt the Lead Agency's findings prior to approval of the formal terms and conditions for the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation; and

D. WHEREAS, it appears to the Metropolitan's Board of Directors that such application should be granted, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

E. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Board of Directors, acting as Responsible Agency, has reviewed and considered the information in the ND and adopt the Lead Agency's findings prior to approval of the formal terms and conditions for the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation; and subject to the following terms and conditions, does hereby grant the application of the governing body of Eastern for consent to annex the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation to Metropolitan and does hereby fix the terms and conditions of such annexation:

Section 1. The annexation of said area to Eastern shall be made concurrently with the annexation thereof to Metropolitan, and all necessary certificates, statements, maps, and other documents required to be filed by or on behalf of Eastern to effectuate the annexation shall be filed on or before December 31, 2004.

Section 2. Prior to filing a request for a Certificate of Completion of the annexation proceedings with LAFCO, Eastern shall submit a certified copy of LAFCO's resolution approving the annexation to the member agency, and shall pay to Metropolitan in cash \$95,029.20, if the annexation is completed by December 31, 2003. If the annexation is completed during the 2004 calendar year, the annexation charge will be calculated based on the then current rate, in accordance with Metropolitan's Administrative Code § 3106.

Section 3. All necessary steps (including without limitation, pursuant to Article XIII D of the California Constitution) for imposition of Metropolitan water standby charge in the amount of \$6.94 per acre or per parcel of less than one acre for fiscal year 2003/04 shall be completed.

Section 4. a. Metropolitan shall be under no obligation to provide, construct, operate, or maintain feeder pipelines, structures, connections, and other facilities required for the delivery of water to said area from works owned or operated by Metropolitan.

b. Eastern shall not be entitled to demand that Metropolitan deliver water to Eastern for use, directly or indirectly, within said area, except for domestic or municipal use therein.

c. The delivery of all water by Metropolitan, regardless of the nature and time of use of such water shall be subject to the water service regulations, including rates promulgated from time to time by Metropolitan.

d. Except upon the terms and conditions specifically approved by the Board of Directors of Metropolitan, water sold and delivered by Metropolitan shall not be used in any manner which intentionally or avoidably results in the direct or indirect benefit of areas outside Metropolitan, including use of such water outside Metropolitan or use thereof within Metropolitan in substitution for other water outside Metropolitan.

F. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary be, and she hereby is, directed to transmit forthwith to the governing body of Eastern a certified copy of this resolution.

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 meeting held June 10, 2003.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
FIXING AND ADOPTING WATER STANDBY CHARGE
CONTINGENT UPON EASTERN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S
72ND FRINGE AREA ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 8835, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's ("Metropolitan") Resolution of Intention to Impose Water Standby Charge, adopted by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Metropolitan at its meeting held January 14, 2003, the Board gave notice to the public and to each member public agency of Metropolitan of the intention of the Board to consider and take action on the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to impose a water charge for fiscal year 2003/04 on the property described in the Engineer's Report, dated October 2002 (the "Engineer's Report"), which was prepared by a registered professional engineer certified by the State of California and was attached to Resolution 8835;

WHEREAS, the owner of the parcel identified in the Engineer's Report has applied for annexation into the Eastern Municipal Water District ("Eastern") and Metropolitan;

WHEREAS, upon annexation, Metropolitan water will be available to such property and such parcels will receive the benefit of the projects provided in part with proceeds of Metropolitan water standby charges, as described in the Engineer's Report;

WHEREAS, Eastern has requested that Metropolitan impose water standby charges on such property at the rate specified in the Engineer's Report and provided herein, following annexation of such property into Metropolitan;

WHEREAS, Resolution 8835 provides that the Board would meet in regular session to hold a public protest hearing at which interested parties could present their views regarding the proposed water standby charges and the Engineer's Report;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of Resolution 8835 the Executive Secretary provided written notice in accordance with the requirements of Article XIII D, Section 4 of the California Constitution of the proposed water standby charge by mail to the record owner of the property identified in the Engineer's Report of such public hearing, and the notice included an assessment ballot whereby the owner could indicate his or her name, reasonable identification of his or her parcel, and his or her support for or opposition to the proposed water standby charge;

WHEREAS, the Board conducted in conformance with Resolution 8835 a public hearing. The hearing was held March 11, 2003, at which interested parties were given the opportunity to present their views regarding the proposed water standby charge and the Engineer's Report and to protest the charges, if they so desired, and the Board duly considered any such protests and other views presented to it at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, prior to the conclusion of the public hearing the Executive Secretary reviewed the assessment ballots submitted, and it was found that no majority protest (as defined in Article XIII D, Section 4 of the California Constitution) exists;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Metropolitan, pursuant to the Engineer's Report, finds that the land described in said Engineer's Report upon annexation to Metropolitan will be benefited as described in such report and on that basis, hereby fixes and adopts a water standby charge for fiscal year 2003/04 on such lands to which Metropolitan water is made available for any purpose, whether water is actually used or not.

Section 2. That the water standby charge per acre of land, or per parcel of land less than an acre, as shown in the Engineer's Report, shall be \$6.94 which is equal to the amount of Metropolitan's existing water standby charge on other properties located within the territory of Eastern.

Section 3. That no water standby charge on any parcel exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel, as shown in the Engineer's Report. The Engineer's Report separates the special benefits from the general benefits and identifies each of the parcels on which a special benefit is conferred.

Section 4. That the water standby charge shall be collected on the tax rolls, together with the ad valorem property taxes, which are levied by Metropolitan for the payment of pre-1978 voter-approved indebtedness. Any amounts so collected shall be applied as a credit against Eastern's obligation to pay its readiness-to-serve charge for fiscal year 2003/04. After such member agency's readiness-to-serve charge allocation is fully satisfied, any additional collections shall be credited to other outstanding obligations of such member agency to Metropolitan or future readiness-to-serve obligations of such agency.

Section 5. That the water standby charge is fixed and adopted contingent upon completion of annexation of the land described in the Engineer's Report. If such annexation is not completed in time to permit imposition of standby charges for fiscal year 2003/04, Metropolitan may levy standby charges at the rate stated in this resolution beginning in a subsequent fiscal year.

Section 6. That in the event that the water standby charge, or any portion thereof, is determined to be an unauthorized or invalid fee, charge or assessment by a final judgment in any proceeding at law or in equity, which judgment is not subject to appeal, or if the collection of the water standby charge shall be permanently enjoined and appeals of such injunction have been declined or exhausted, or if Metropolitan shall determine to rescind or revoke the water standby charge, then no further water standby charge shall be collected within the territory described in the Engineer's Report and Eastern shall pay its readiness-to-serve charge obligation to Metropolitan in full, as if imposition of such water standby charges had never been sought.

Section 7. That pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Eastern, acting as the Lead Agency, adopted the Fieldstone Annexation Negative Declaration (ND) in 2002 for the proposed annexation of the property associated with the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation. Also pursuant to CEQA, Metropolitan, as Responsible Agency, is required to certify that it has reviewed and considered the information in the ND and adopt the Lead Agency's findings prior to approval of fixing and adopting water standby charges for the 72nd Fringe Area Annexation.

Section 8. That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary action to secure the collection of the water standby charges by the appropriate county officials, including payment of the reasonable cost of collection.

Section 9. That the Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and desirable to accomplish the purposes of this resolution, including, without limitation, the commencement or defense of litigation.

Section 10. That if any provision of this resolution or the application to any member agency, property or person whatsoever is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, and to that end the provisions of this resolution are severable.

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 meeting held on June 10, 2003.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California



Final Negative Declaration
for the
Fieldstone Annexation

November 2002

By

Eastern Municipal Water District

FEB 25 2003

CEQA-7

EMWD - MAIL ROOM

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Post Office Box 8300
Perris, CA 92572-8300

County Clerk
County of Riverside
P.O. Box 751
Riverside, CA 92502-0751

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: **Fieldstone Annexation**

State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Contact Person: Karen Hackett

Phone Number/Ext.: (909) 928-3777, Extension 4462

Project Location: The proposed project is located in the City of Murrieta east of Interstate 15 and south of Murrieta Hot Springs Road within Section 22 of Township 7 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (APN 911-020-020).

Project Description: The proposed project consists of annexing land belonging to Mamie Hunt to Eastern Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The purpose of the Fieldstone Annexation is to allow for future provision of domestic water, recycled water, and sewer services by Eastern Municipal Water District for approximately 26 acres of land.

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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GARY L. ORSO

By *Y Marshall* T. Marshall
Deputy

COUNTY CLERK
Neg Declaration/Ntc Determination
Filed per P.R.C. 21152
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DEC 30 2002

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By: *C. F. [Signature]* Dept.
County of Riverside, State of California

CEQA-7

This is to advise that the Eastern Municipal Water District has approved the described project on December 18, 2002 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 1. The project will will, will not} have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA

 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
- 3. Mitigation measures were, were not} made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was, was not} adopted for this project.
- 5. Findings were, were not} made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration with comments and responses and/or record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92570

Date: 12/19/2002

Joseph B. Lewis
Joseph B. Lewis
Director of Engineering Services

Date Received for filing and Posting at OPR:

CEQA-8

California Department of Fish and Game
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION

De Minimis Impact Findings
For California Department of Fish and Game, in Accordance with AB 3158

LEAD AGENCY: **EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**
P.O. Box 8300
Perris, CA 92572-8300
(909) 928-3777

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING:

- Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

- County Clerk
County of Riverside
P.O. Box 751
Riverside, CA 92502-0751

PROJECT TITLE: **Fieldstone Annexation**

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER: N/A

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Murrieta

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project consists of annexing land belonging to Mamie Hunt to Eastern Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The purpose of the Fieldstone Annexation is to allow for future provision of domestic water, recycled water, and sewer services by Eastern Municipal Water District for approximately acres of land.

CEQA-8

FINDINGS OF FEE EXEMPTION (DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING):

Certification:

I hereby certify that Eastern Municipal Water District has made the above findings of fact and that based upon the initial study and hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

Date: 12/19/2002

Joseph B. Lewis
Joseph B. Lewis
Director, Engineering Services

SUBMISSION OF APPLICABLE FEES:

| | <u>FEE</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs | \$ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Fee | \$ 64.00 |
| Total Submitted | <u>\$ 64.00</u> |

(EMWD Person Submitting Fees)

Date

Joseph B. Lewis
Director, Engineering Services

December 19, 2002

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

1. Project title:

Proposed Annexation of land belonging to Mamie Hunt to Eastern Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

2. Project sponsor's name and address:

Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
P.O. Box 8300
Perris, CA 92572-8300

3. Lead agency name and address:

Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
P.O. Box 8300
Perris, CA 92572-8300

4. Contact person and phone number:

Ms. Karen Hackett, Environmental Compliance Analyst
Eastern Municipal Water District
Engineering Services Department
(909) 928-3777 ext. 4462

5. Project location and setting:

An approximate 26 acre parcel in Section 22 of Township 7 South, Range 3 West, SBB&M. See Figure 1.

6. General Plan and Zoning Designations

Rural Residential. Reference: City of Murrieta General Plan, adopted July 20, 1999.

7. Project Description

The purpose of the annexation is to allow for future provision of domestic water, recycled water, and sewer services by Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) for approximately 26 acres of land.

8. Other Public Agencies whose approval is required:

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

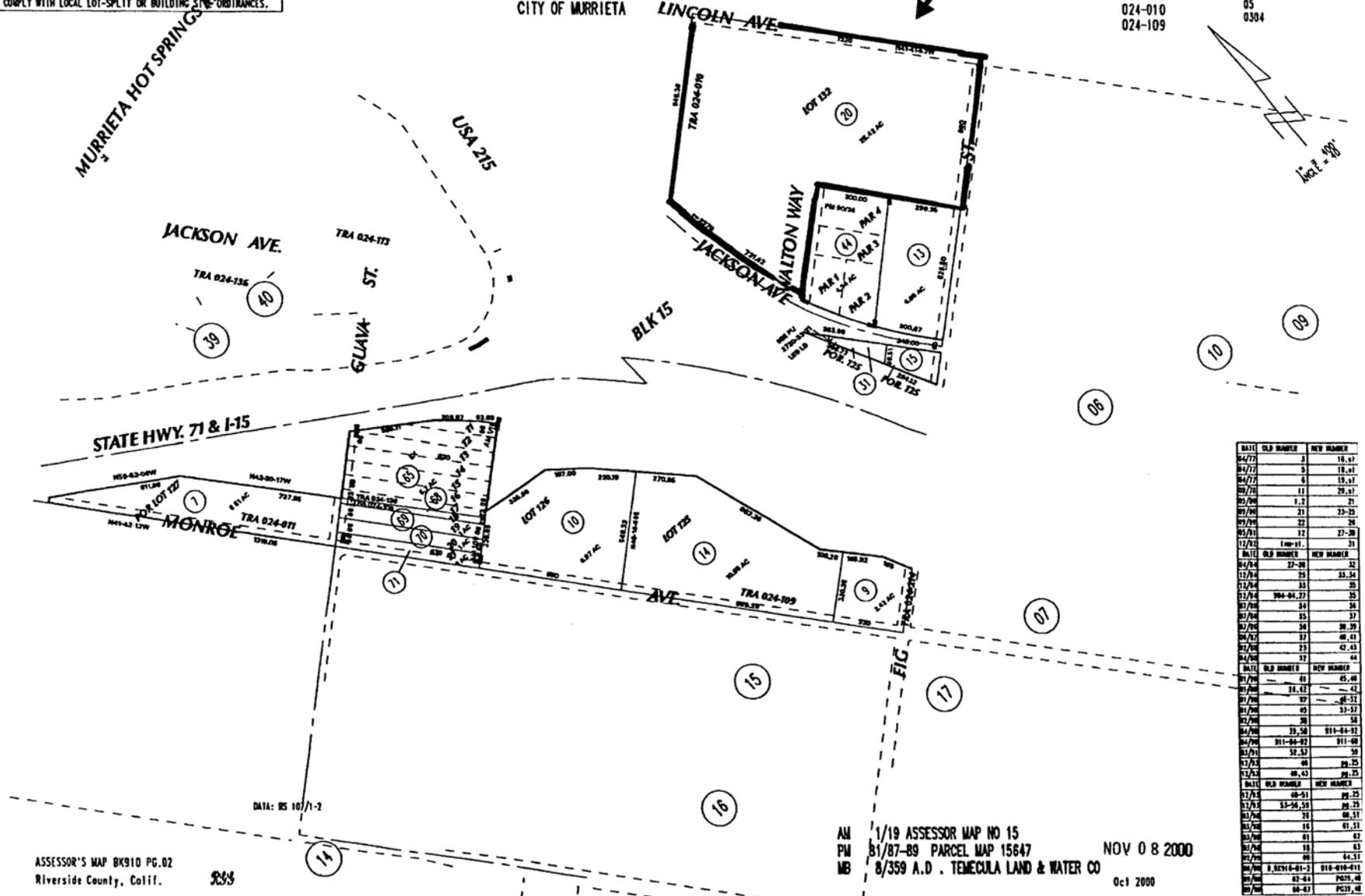
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CITY OF MURRIETA

PROJECT SITE

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Riverside County, Calif.

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FIGURE 1

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

- Aesthetics
- Biological Resources
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Mineral Resources
- Public Services
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Agricultural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Noise
- Recreation
- Mandatory Findings of Significance
- Air Quality
- Geology/Soils
- Land Use/Planning
- Population/Housing
- Transportation/Traffic

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

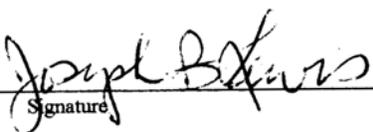
I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. **A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.

I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier **EIR** or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier **EIR** or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.



Signature

9/6/2002

Date

Joseph B. Lewis

Printed Name

EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) “Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, “Earlier Analyses,” may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

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| I. AESTHETICS – Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES – In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| III. AIR QUALITY –Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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| e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| V. CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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| VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: | | | | |
| i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| iv) Landslides? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY – Would the project:

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| a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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| i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING – Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Physically divide an established community? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| X. MINERAL RESOURCES -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| XI. NOISE – Would the project result in: | | | | |
| a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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| f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING – Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES – Would the project | | | | |
| a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: | | | | |
| Fire protection? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Police protection? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Schools? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Parks? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Other public facilities? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| XIV. RECREATION | | | | |
| a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC – Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume | | | | |

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| to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| e) Result in inadequate emergency access? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| f) Result in inadequate parking capacity? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS- Would the project:

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| a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

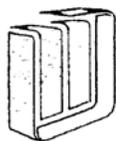
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| a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | ○ | ○ | ○ | ● |
| b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects) ? | ○ | ○ | ○ | ● |
| c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | ○ | ○ | ○ | ● |

EXPLANATIONS OF RESPONSES TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT CHECKLIST

- I. AESTHETICS.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- III. AIR QUALITY.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- V. CULTURAL RESOURCES.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- X. MINERAL RESOURCES.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- XI. NOISE.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- XIV. RECREATION.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
- XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.**
 - a., f., g., h., i., and j.:** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.
 - b., c., d., and e.:** Future facilities may be constructed to provide satisfactory services for all properties located within Eastern Municipal Water District's Sphere of Influence.
- XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.** No significant impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.

**COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY
AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

One letter from Metropolitan Water District was received by EMWD on the Draft Initial Study. This letter follows along with the District's response.



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October 8, 2002

Karen Hackett
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Dear Ms. Hackett:

Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Fieldstone Annexation

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) has received a copy of the Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Fieldstone Annexation in the city of Murrieta. Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is proposing to annex 26 acres of privately owned land in the city of Murrieta to allow for future provision of domestic water, recycled water, and sewer services. This area is not currently within Metropolitan's service area and will need to be annexed prior to water being served. Linda Ryder, of your office, has sent preliminary documents to Metropolitan to begin the annexation process. The EMWD Board of Directors will consider and determine the action to be taken on the Negative Declaration for the proposed project at a board meeting to be held on November 20, 2002.

Metropolitan is a responsible agency for this proposed project and coordination between Metropolitan and EMWD will be required during the annexation process. As a responsible agency, Metropolitan appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on environmental documentation prepared for this project. Based on the review of the Negative Declaration, Metropolitan concurs that the proposed annexation would not result in a significant impact to the physical environment with respect to utilities and service systems.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input to your planning process and we look forward to receiving future environmental documentation on this project. Please contact Ethel Young at

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(213) 217-7677 regarding the annexation coordination process. If we can be of further assistance regarding environmental documentation, please contact me at (213) 217-6242.

Very truly yours,



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**Subject: Comments on Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the
Fieldstone Annexation**

Dear Ms. Simonek:

**Thank you for reviewing the above referenced project. The comments within
your letter have been noted.**

**As requested, there will be coordination with Metropolitan Water District during
the annexation process. The Final Negative Declaration will be forwarded
following Eastern Municipal Water District's board meeting to determine the
action to be taken on the Negative Declaration which has been rescheduled to
December 18, 2002.**

**If you have any questions regarding the annexation process, please contact
Linda Ryder at 909 928-3777, ext. 4266 or me at 909 928-3777, ext. 4462.**

Again, thank you for participating in the CEQA review process.

Sincerely,

Karen Hackett
**Karen Hackett
Environmental Compliance Analyst**

cc: Linda Ryder

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