

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

November 18, 2003 Board Meeting

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Subject

Adopt resolution to accept \$1.37 million in state grant for the Lake Perris Pollution Prevention and Source Water Protection Project

Description

This letter seeks a board resolution to formalize Metropolitan's acceptance of about \$1.37 million for a grant under Proposition 13 for a three-year project that would plan and design water quality improvement features at Lake Perris, a State Water Project reservoir in Southern California. This project is an element of a comprehensive solution Metropolitan is pursuing to ensure maximum benefits of the water storage assets of Lake Perris.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has notified Metropolitan that our proposal was selected to receive a total of \$1.37 million in grant funding under Proposition 13. In accordance with the SWRCB grant funding procedures, Metropolitan's Board needs to adopt a resolution regarding accepting the grant funds and designating the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contracts. **Attachment 1** is the resolution.

Background

Lake Perris is a major feature of the State Water Project (SWP) located between Hemet and Perris, and is owned and operated by the state of California. SWP water is stored in the lake to meet the water supply needs of Metropolitan's service area. As a popular element of the State Park system, Lake Perris provides swimming, boating and camping recreation.

Metropolitan is pursuing a comprehensive solution for MTBE contamination, pathogen risks, low dissolved oxygen and recreation-related issues which occasionally constrain access to stored water. This project focuses on pathogen risk reduction and is a major step in ensuring access to the valuable storage assets of Lake Perris. The lake is a source of drinking water for customers of Metropolitan and users of the State Park.

The Lake Perris grant will be used to conduct a study of the sources of pathogens in Lake Perris, propose alternatives for reducing the risk of pathogens for drinking water and body contact purposes, conduct the required environmental documentation, and design the recommended solution. Metropolitan will lead development of needed technical information, and rely on the multi-agency State/County Lake Perris Task Force to evaluate and guide the project.

Policy

By Minute Item No. 44274, the Board, at its Dec. 12, 2000 meeting, authorized staff to pursue, as a legislative proposal, the funding resolution of water quality concerns at Lake Perris.

By Minute Item No. 44282, the Board, at its Dec. 12, 2000 meeting, was informed of Metropolitan's initiatives to increase the value of the SWP including the improvement of Lake Perris water quality and access to storage.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed study, environmental documentation, and design of the recommended solution associated with the Lake Perris grant are categorically exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed activities consist of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action, which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. Accordingly, the proposed activities qualify as a Class 6 Categorical Exemption (Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, the acceptance of the state grants is not defined as a project under CEQA because it involves continuing administrative activities, such as general policy and procedure making (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). This acceptance of the state grants is also not subject to CEQA because it involves other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project, which 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 pursuant to CEQA, the proposed action qualifies under a Categorical Exemption (Class 6, Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, determine that the acceptance of the state grants is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Board Options/Fiscal Impacts

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and the resolution in [Attachment 1](#).

Fiscal Impact: Receipt of \$1.37 million in state funds through the SWRCB under the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program. Metropolitan will contribute about \$360,000 in matching funds for staff and contract costs.

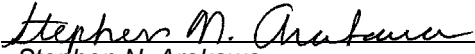
Option #2

Do not adopt the resolution in [Attachment 1](#).

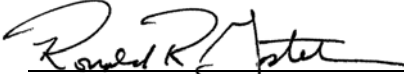
Fiscal Impact: Forego \$1.37 million in state Proposition 13 funds.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1


 Stephen N. Arakawa
 Manager, Water Resource Management

10/20/2003
 Date


 Ronald R. Gastelum
 Chief Executive Officer

10/27/2003
 Date

Attachment 1 – Resolution for the Lake Perris grant

RESOLUTION ____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING FUNDING PURSUANT
TO THE NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM OF THE
SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD
PROTECTION ACT (PROPOSITION 13, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 2)

FOR

LAKE PERRIS POLLUTION PREVENTION AND SOURCE WATER PROTECTION
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act (Proposition 13, Chapter 7, Article 2) appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board local assistance grants to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California payable from the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Subaccount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that pursuant to and subject to all the terms and provisions of Proposition 13 funds, Metropolitan shall accept \$1.371 million in grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Lake Perris Pollution Prevention and Source Water Protection Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contracts, and to designate the Project Director for the administration of the projects authorized to approve and sign project invoices, and act as liaison to the State Water Resources Control Board. Mr. Kenneth Kules shall be the Project Director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary is hereby directed to file forthwith certified copies of this resolution with the State Water Resources Control Board.

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 November 18, 2003.

Executive Secretary
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California