

Authorize Two Agreements for Water Sale Contracts under Section 131 of the Metropolitan Water District Act

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Overview

- Section 131 Background
- Two Proposed Agreements
- Board Options

MWD Act Section 131 Background

- Section 131 provides for water sales to parties outside the Service Area
- Authorizes MWD to sell water to:
 - Government Agencies under 131(a)
 - Private Corporations or Public Agencies under 131(b)
- General limitations on terms and quantities

MWD Act Section 131(a)

- Authorizes MWD to sell water to:
 - State of California
 - United States Government
- MWD Administrative Code s4211 describes general terms for transactions under 131(a)

MWD Act Section 131(b)

- Authorizes MWD to sell water to:
 - Private Corporations
 - Public Agencies
- Only for the purpose of electric power generation
- A major portion of the electric power must benefit the MWD's Service Area

Existing Agreements under Section 131

- State of California – Chiriaco Summit
- State of California – Mecca/Cactus City
- U.S. Government – Soboba Settlement

Proposed Agreements for Board Consideration

- Southern California Edison
- U.S. Forest Service

Authorize entering into a water sale agreement with Southern California Edison to furnish a maximum of 1,000 acre-feet of supplemental water for its Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project Colorado River Substation

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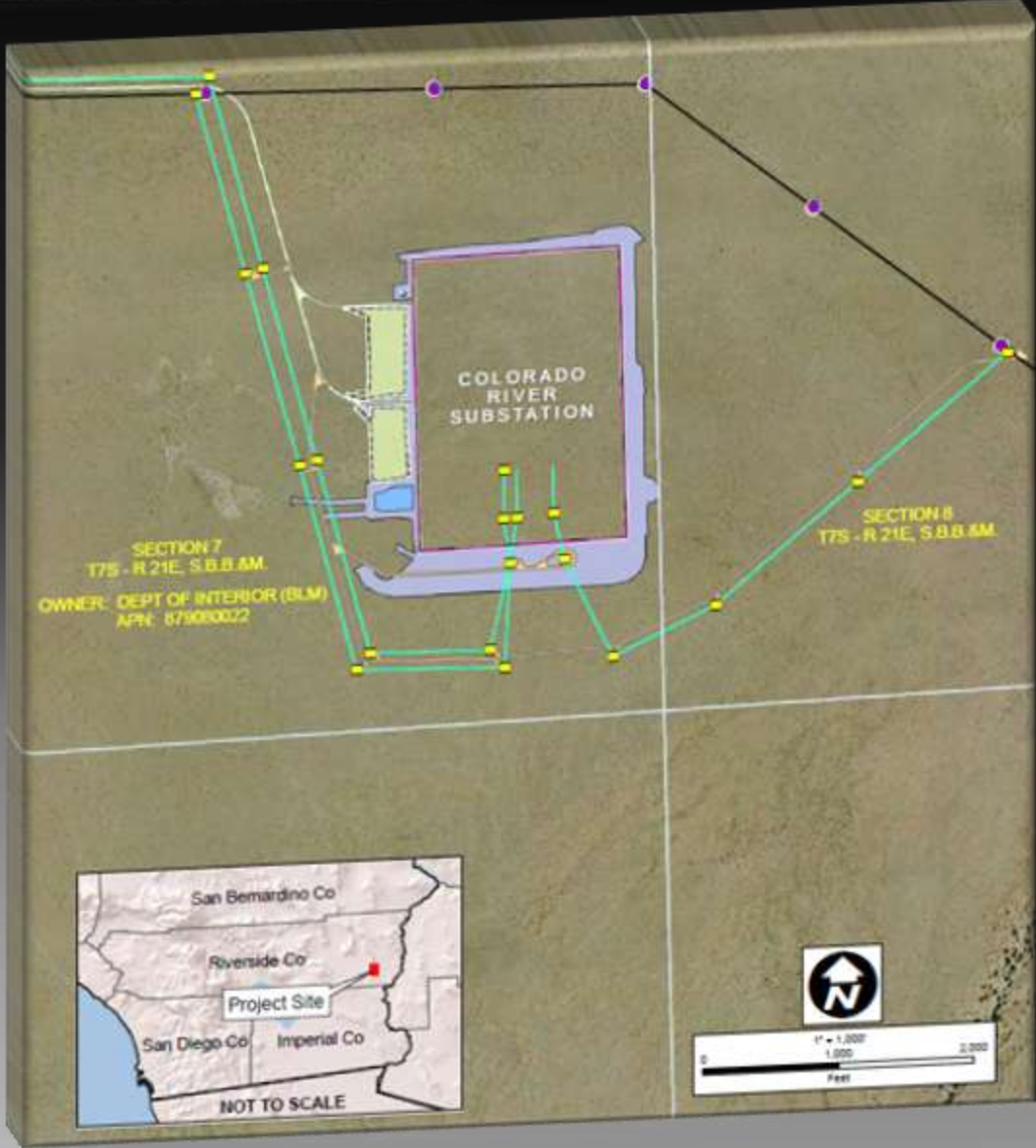
Project Description - Southern California Edison

- Construction and maintenance of a Transmission Substation
- Water supply needed for construction activity and ongoing maintenance
- Direct supply will come from a local well
- MWD supply contract will backstop local groundwater use

Why Does Southern California Edison Need a Backstop Supply

- Local groundwater pumping is within the Colorado River Accounting area
- Pumped water may, on occasion, be determined to come from the Colorado River
- Any water taken from Colorado River must be replaced

Edison Substation



Key Terms - Southern California Edison

- Term of Agreement 2012-2031
- Maximum of 1000 AF total, 500 AF in a year
- Applicable Rates and Charges

Board Options

- Option #1
 - Adopt the CEQA determination
 - Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Southern California Edison to furnish a maximum of 1,000 acre-feet of supplemental water for its Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project Colorado River Substation
- Option #2
 - Do not authorize agreement

Staff Recommendation

- Option # 1

Authorize entering into a water sale agreement with United States Forest Service to provide a maximum of one acre-foot of water per year for drinking and sanitation to the River Gorge Trailhead Project

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Project Description – U.S. Forest Service

- Water supply for trailhead comfort station
- Water supply needed for potable water source and maintenance
- MWD supply will be provided through Ramona Municipal Water District via San Diego County Water Authority

USFS Trailhead Site



Key Terms – U.S. Forest Service

- Term of Agreement 2012-2031
- Maximum of 1 AF in a year
- Applicable Rates and Charges through San Diego County Water Authority
- U.S. Forest Service assumes responsibility for water deliveries

Board Options

- Option #1
 - Adopt the CEQA determination
 - Authorize the General Manager to enter into a water sale agreement with United States Forest Service to provide a maximum of one acre-foot of water per year for drinking and sanitation to the River Gorge Trailhead Project
- Option #2
 - Do not authorize agreement

Staff Recommendation

- Option # 1

