

RESOLUTION 9155

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 103rd FRINGE AREA ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 9145, 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 November 6, 2012, 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 General Manager's recommendation to impose a water charge for fiscal year 2013/14 on the property described in the Engineer's Report, dated September 2012 (the "Engineer's Report"), which was prepared by a registered professional engineer certified by the state of California and was attached to Resolution 9145;

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 9145 provided 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 9145, the Board 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 9145 a public hearing. The hearing was held June 11, 2013 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 Board 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 2013/14 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 2013/14. 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 2013/14, 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.

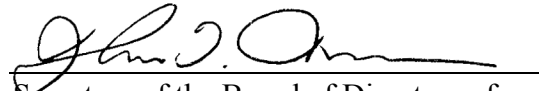
Section 7. That pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Eastern Municipal Water District and acting as the Lead Agency, adopted a Negative Declaration (ND) on August 22, 2012 for the proposed annexation process. Also pursuant to CEQA, Metropolitan, as Responsible Agency, is required to certify that it has reviewed and considered the information in the ND and adopts the Lead Agency's findings prior to approval of fixing and adopting water standby charges for the 103rd Fringe Area Annexation.

Section 8. That the General Manager 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 General Manager 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 11, 2013.


Secretary of the Board of Directors of
the Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California