



● **Board of Directors**
Legal and Claims Committee

4/11/2017 Board Meeting

7-8

Subject

Adopt CEQA determination and amend the Administrative Code to add Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee

Executive Summary and Details

At its March 2017 meeting, the Board established the Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee to review Metropolitan's progress towards meeting its Integrated Resources Plan goals for local supplies and water use efficiency and to consider policy options for ensuring success in meeting these goals. This special committee will also consider the comments and views of other agencies involved in the development of local water supplies and water conservation efforts. The proposed amendments will add this special committee and its purposes to Metropolitan's Administrative Code.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 2451(g): Duties and functions of the Legal and Claims Committee regarding the contents of the Code

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action 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). In addition, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Board Options

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

Approve the changes to the Administrative Code set forth in [Attachment 1](#) to add the Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee to the Administrative Code.

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: Inclusion of the Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee in the Administrative Code will formally recognize the important purposes and objectives of this special committee.

Option #2

Do not add the Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee to the Administrative Code

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: The Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee will continue to function as established, but will not be formally included in the Administrative Code.

Staff Recommendation

Option #1



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3/30/2017
Date



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3/30/2017
Date

Attachment 1 – The Administrative Code of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (with changes marked)

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Division II

**PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO BOARD, COMMITTEES
AND DIRECTORS**

Chapter 5

OTHER COMMITTEES: MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE MATTERS

Article 1

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Sec.

2500. General

2501. Audit and Ethics Special Committee

2502. Agriculture and Industry Relations Special Committee

2503. Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee

§2503. Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee.

(a) The Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee shall hold regular meetings on a bi-monthly basis, or as required to accomplish a specific committee objective.

(b) Duties and Functions

The Conservation and Local Resources Special Committee shall review and consider:

(1) Policies regarding water conservation, watershed management, storm water capture and management, recycling, sustainable groundwater management, brackish and seawater desalination and use thereof;

(2) Recommendations for future updates to the Integrated Resources Plan goals for local supplies and water use efficiency;

(3) Changes to Metropolitan's Local Resources Program and Conservation Program and consideration of other efforts Metropolitan may undertake to help meet the local supply and water use efficiency goals contained in Metropolitan's most recent Integrated Resources Plan;

(4) The effect of existing and proposed federal, state, and local governmental, water supply and water management statutes and regulations on supplies produced or that may be produced within the District's region;

(5) Comprehensive solutions to regional supply problems which may increase water reliability and cost effectiveness, and benefit environmental and other beneficial instream uses of waters within the region;

(6) Expanding Metropolitan's understanding of regional water supply issues by inviting informational presentations and feedback from representatives of agencies that have developed or are implementing/managing local supplies and/or efficiency programs;

(7) Recommendations to the Board on policies and programs that will strengthen relationships with other agencies in furthering Metropolitan's objectives for increased regional self-reliance and greater water use efficiency; and

(8) Opportunities for collaboration to advance the mutual interests of agencies within Metropolitan's region in furthering the development of local supplies and achieving greater levels of water use efficiency.