



Approve Membership in the California
African American Water Education
Foundation & Authorize Payment
Communication & Legislation
Item 7-1
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Background

- The California African American Water Education Foundation (CAAWEF) is a non-profit water education organization governed by a regionally diverse board of directors
- Mission is to strengthen public outreach and encourage broader representation and leadership in the water industry
 - Leadership development and career opportunities
 - Community education, awareness & outreach
 - Providing input on key policy decisions for water reliability, water supply, environment

Membership & Sponsorships

- MWD supports and participates in many leadership development and education organizations including:
 - Water Education Foundation Leaders Program
 - LA Chamber – Southern California Leadership Program
 - Leadership California
 - CORO
 - Water Education for Latino Leaders
 - Association of Women in Water, Energy & Environment
 - Business groups, chambers of commerce and professional organizations representing diverse communities

Options

● Option # 1

- Approve Metropolitan's membership in the California African American Water Education Foundation for three years and authorize payment of dues for \$25,000 per year, with a three-year total amount of \$75,000

● Option #2

- Approve Metropolitan's membership in the CAAWEF for one year and authorize the payment of dues in the amount of \$25,000

● Option #3

- Do not approve Metropolitan's membership in CAAWEF

Staff Recommendation

- Option # 1

