

## E-mail from Metropolitan General Manager re: 04142020 BOD agenda item 8-1

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Ms. Winograd:

Thanks you for your comment sent by e-mail. I'm sorry you were unable to participate in the public comment by telephone process we implemented. Your email comments will be made available and put into the minutes of Metropolitan's Board meeting. Metropolitan's Board did vote to have no rate increase for 2020 and a 3% rate increase to take effect next year in 2021, followed by a 4% rate increase in 2022. The 2021 rate increase will be reviewed by the Board this fall before it goes into effect to better understand the full impacts of the pandemic on Southern California and the region's rate payers. We understand these are very uncertain times and the impacts of this pandemic are likely to be severe, painful and far reaching. Metropolitan prepares long-range water and finance plans that go well into the future and as part of that planning process we set rates long before they go into effect so that local agencies can incorporate our planning into their plans and budgets. This does provide Metropolitan with the ability to adjust those plans in response to unforeseen events. Clearly the COVID-19 pandemic is a significant event that may require adjustments to be made. The Metropolitan Board will initiate that review in September. Thank you again for your input.

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