



Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

May 20, 2008

From: Suja Lowenthal, Second District

Subject: Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Monthly Update

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive and file report on the actions taken at the Metropolitan Water District Board meeting held on May 13, 2008.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

I wish to bring the following actions to the Council's attention:

Granted conditional approval for Erreca Annexation to San Diego County Water Authority and to Metropolitan, and adopted a resolution of intention to impose a water standby charge (Agenda Item 7-1)

Adopted a final resolution for annexation and imposed a water standby charge for Annexation No. 87 to Calleguas Municipal Water District and to Metropolitan (Agenda Item 7-2)

Adopted a final resolution for annexation and imposed a water standby charge for the 100th Fringe Area to Eastern Municipal Water District and to Metropolitan (Agenda Item 7-3)

See attached report for other actions.

**Report for
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meeting
May 13, 2008**

CROSS CONNECTION PROGRAM

The board appropriated \$4.75 million and awarded a \$1,447,000 contract to Spiniello Companies, Inc. and a \$1,278,500 contract to Zusser Company, Inc. for the Cross Connection Prevention Program. This is the second phase of a program that calls for relocating 300 facilities above ground to help ensure compliance with current state water quality requirements. (Agenda Item 8-1)

RENEWABLE ENERGY AGREEMENTS

The board authorized entering into three separate agreements with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Southern California Public Power Authority and Southern California Edison Company for the sale of renewable energy from nine hydroelectric power plants on the MWD distribution system. (Agenda Item 8-3)

WEYMOUTH SOLAR FACILITY

The board appropriated \$685,000 and authorized preliminary design of a solar power generation facility at the F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant. Expected benefits include reducing Metropolitan's carbon footprint; reducing long-term dependence on purchased electricity; stabilizing long-term energy costs through use of renewable energy sources and potential participation in future carbon cap-and-trade programs. (Agenda Item 7-8)

DIEMER ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

The board appropriated \$22.9 million, authorized two electrical upgrade projects at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant, authorized final design of the Yorba Linda Power Plant Modifications and an agreement for engineering services with Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. (Agenda Item 8-2)

NEW LONG BEACH DIRECTOR

The board inducted Long Beach City Councilwoman Suja Lowenthal as the new director representing the city of Long Beach, succeeding Helen Hansen, who had served on the MWD board since 1997. Lowenthal's husband, Superior Court Judge Dan Lowenthal, administered the oath of office. Director Lowenthal, an alternate member on the California Coastal Commission, is a former trustee on the Long Beach Unified School District's Board of Education. She currently teaches at Cal State Long Beach and previously worked for the Central Basin and West Basin Municipal Water Districts and the Water Replenishment District. She has been active in numerous local community organizations (Agenda Item 5C)

COMMUNITY PARTNERING PROGRAM

The board approved sponsorships for 11 applicants for the 2007/2008 Community Partnering Program. The recommended projects emphasized conservation, water efficiency educational programs, native plant landscaping, water resource stewardship and water quality/watershed protection. (Agenda Item 7-7)

OTHER ACTION

In other action, the board:

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- Appropriated \$1.3 million and awarded a \$1,053,100 contract to Abhe & Svoboda, Inc. to refurbish the Diemer West Washwater Tank (Agenda Item 7-4)
- Appropriated \$1.68 million and authorized two rehabilitation projects within Metropolitan's conveyance and distribution system to repair distressed segments of pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe, plus recent firestorm damage (Agenda Item 7-5)
- Authorized execution of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Leadership Committee (Agenda Item 7-6)
- Authorized a \$100,000 increase for legal services in the *Victor Alan Gordon* case for a total of \$650,000 in maximum amount payable under the contract with Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubalcava & MacCuish, LLP (Agenda Item 8-4)
- Authorized increase of \$1.8 million in maximum amount payable under contract with Bingham McCutchen LLP for legal services to represent Metropolitan in the case of *Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Zone 7, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources*, also known as the Hyatt-Thermalito case. (Agenda Item 8-5)