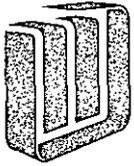


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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

January 3, 1992

To: Board of Directors (Executive Committee--Action)

From: General Manager

Subject: Addition of New District Policies to the Administrative Code

### Report

The Board recently adopted two policy statements to guide the District's activities. The first was the mission statement adopted at the Board's November 19, 1991 meeting. This statement was intended to be complementary to the District's existing Laguna Declaration, set forth in Administrative Code section 4201, which provides that the District is prepared, with its existing governmental powers and its present and projected distribution facilities, to provide its service area with adequate supplies of water to meet expanding and increasing domestic, industrial and municipal water needs in the years ahead.

The second statement, adopted at the Board's December 10, 1991 meeting, identifies basic considerations for the development of water transfers by the District to increase its water supplies. Water transfers include the acquisition of short- and long-term supplies, agreements with water entities and individuals, and initiatives involving water management actions and market transactions to purchase water, water rights, or land to increase the District's water supplies.

It is proposed that these two policies be incorporated in the Administrative Code, which already contains policies of the District, including the Laguna Declaration. With the proposed changes, the Administrative Code would read as indicated in attachment A. The additions and changes to the Administrative Code are indicated by strikeover and underlining in attachment B.

These policies provide guidance to the District for planning future activities and do not commit the District to any particular action. They are therefore exempt from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act because they have no potential for having a significant impact on the environment.

January 3, 1992

Board Committee Assignment

This letter is referred for action to the Executive Committee because of its authority over Board policies and procedures, pursuant to Administrative Code section 2417 (e).

Recommendation

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ACTION.**

It is recommended that the Board add new Administrative Code sections 4201 and 4203, and renumber existing sections 4202 through 4209 so that these sections read as set forth in attachment A.



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**ATTACHMENT A****§ 4201. Mission Statement.**

The mission of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate supplies of high quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

**§ 4202. Avoidance in District Service Area of Overlapping or Paralleling Governmental Authorities (Laguna Declaration).**

(a) The District is prepared, with its existing governmental powers and its present and projected distribution facilities, to provide its service area with adequate supplies of water to meet expanding and increasing needs in the years ahead. When and as additional water resources are required to meet increasing needs for domestic, industrial and municipal water, the District will be prepared to deliver such supplies.

(b) Taxpayers and water users residing within the District already have obligated themselves for the construction of an aqueduct supply and distribution system. This system has been designed and constructed in a manner that permits orderly and economic extensions and enlargements to deliver the District's full share of Colorado River water and State Project water as well as water from other sources as required in the years ahead. Establishment of overlapping and paralleling governmental authorities and water distribution facilities to service Southern California areas would place a wasteful and unnecessary financial burden upon all of the people of California, and particularly the residents of Southern California.

**§ 4203. Water Transfer Policy.**

To meet its public water supply objectives in the future, Metropolitan will vigorously pursue the development of water transfers, subject to the following considerations:

(a) Water transfers, including water marketing, will be developed only on a voluntary basis with willing partners;

(b) A full-range of water transfer options will be pursued, including arrangements with appropriate state and federal agencies, public and private water entities, and individual water users;

(c) Water transfers will be designed to protect and, where feasible, enhance environmental resources;

(d) Water transfers will be designed to avoid contributing to or creating a condition of long-term groundwater overdraft;

(e) Efforts will continue to develop water transfers in cooperation with the agricultural community, which seek to avoid unreasonable operational and financial impacts; and

(f) Strategies will be developed to appropriately address community impacts of water transfers.

**§ 4204. Miscellaneous Sale of Water by State in District Boundaries.**

The State shall make no other contract to supply project water for use within the boundaries of the District without the consent of the District, and shall not authorize any other contractor to supply project water for use outside such other contractor's boundaries and within the boundaries of the District without the consent of the District.

**§ 4205. Sale of Water by One Member Public Agency to Another.**

The General Manager and General Counsel shall report to the Board any sale of water by one member public agency to another.

**§ 4206. Carryover Storage.**

(a) The General Manager is authorized to store District water in any storage facility within any member public agency of the District where storage capacity is available. Further, the General Manager is instructed that no water is to be delivered or supplied under any storage contract until the complete filling of Lake Mathews is imminent.

(b) The General Manager is authorized to modify any arrangements with member public agencies for storage of water to provide for carryover storage.

**§ 4207. Exchange of Water.**

(a) The District's policy is that any exchange of Colorado River water for State Project water between the District and any state water service contractors shall be based upon such contractor paying all of the costs associated with delivery of State water at such contractor's delivery point, or at such other point as may be mutually agreed upon, which would result in the lowest cost to the District under such exchange.

(b) If two or more member public agencies of the District desire to enter into a water exchange arrangement, the District will cooperate in such an arrangement, subject to available capacity in the District's facilities and subject to availability of water for such exchange purposes, as determined by the District.

**§ 4208. No Recreational Use of Lake Mathews.**

The policy existing since 1939 that Lake Mathews not be used for recreational purposes is reaffirmed.

**§ 4209. Contracts.**

The District may join or enter into agreements with member public agencies to make more effective use of water resources, including agreements providing for the wheeling, exchange, or banking of water, so long as such agreements serve a purpose of the District.

**§ 4210. Water Conservation.**

It shall be the policy of the District to undertake and support water conservation programs. To that end, the District may develop and implement such programs and enter into agreements with member public agencies and other organizations to make more efficient use of water resources through water conservation programs so long as such agreements serve a beneficial purpose of the District.

**ATTACHMENT B****§ 4201. Mission Statement.**

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[Previous § 4207 - repealed by M.I. 36806 - September 22, 1987.]

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