

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Counsel

February 26, 2016

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

## **Response to Public Records Act Request Dated February 18, 2016**

We received your Public Records Act request, dated February 18, 2016, on that date. A copy of your request is attached.

This response is made in compliance with California Government Code Section 6253(c), which requires an agency to notify a person making a request within 10 days whether a request seeks disclosable records. We have determined that your request seeks disclosable records, with the exception of Metropolitan's financial planning model, which is exempt from disclosure under Government Code Section 6254.9(a) as a proprietary software program developed by Metropolitan that contains nondisclosable formulas and programming code.<sup>1</sup>

Disclosable records that are responsive to your request, to the extent material has not already been provided to the Metropolitan Board, are being collected and will be provided to SDCWA in electronic format on DVD(s).

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6253(c), Metropolitan will notify you within 14 days of the date on which we will provide the responsive and disclosable records to you. The voluminous amount of records and our need to remove the proprietary formulas and code from spreadsheets impact the timing of the production and our ability to state the production date at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SDCWA already received the financial planning model through the rate litigation, subject to the parameters and restrictions of the Court's protective order, so SDCWA has had full opportunity to view it and understands its operations.

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this time. We will also post this material on-line so it is available to all Metropolitan Board members, member agency staff, and the public. In addition, if any Board member would like, we will provide the material to them on DVD(s).

Thank you for your request. Please direct all communications regarding your request to me.

Very truly yours,

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