

**Report for
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meeting
November 10, 2009**

CARLSBAD DESALINATION PROGRAM

The board adopted the CEQA determination and authorized the General Manager to enter in a Seawater Desalination Program agreement with the San Diego County Water Authority and its retail agencies for 56,000 acre-feet per year under terms included in board letter 8-3, provided that the SDP agreement will terminate if (A) Metropolitan determines that it will no longer (i) provide incentives or other financial support to its member agencies for seawater desalination, water recycling or groundwater recovery projects through the Local Resources Program, Seawater Desalination Program or similar programs; or (ii) utilize the Water Stewardship rate, or a similar charge to fund the Local Resources Program, Seawater Desalination Program or other similar programs; or (iii) includes the Water Stewardship Rate as a charge for all water conveyed on the system and (B) the member agency included in such SDP agreement or a delegate from that member agency votes in favor of such determination. These provisions would apply only so long as all new agreements under the Local Resources Program, Seawater Desalination Program and similar programs contain similar provisions. (Agenda Item 8-3)

WEYMOUTH POWER UPGRADES

The board appropriated \$39 million, and awarded a \$25.13 million contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. for power system upgrades to the Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, and authorized amendments to existing agreements with Carollo Engineers and Tetra Design. (Agenda Item 8-2)

ACWA ADDRESS

The board heard remarks from Timothy H. Quinn, executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies. Quinn said that Metropolitan and ACWA worked together in support of the historic water Delta legislation enacted last week. Quinn praised the work of the General Manager and Metropolitan staff on the legislative package. (Agenda Item 4)

OTHER ACTIONS

In other action, the board:

- Heard a report summarizing highlights of the board's retreat which was convened November 1 through 3. Additional details regarding the retreat will be discussed at an upcoming board meeting. (Agenda Item 5E)
- Appropriated \$260,000 and authorized preliminary design for rehabilitation of three service connections on the Upper Feeder (Agenda Item 7-1)

- Appropriated \$390,000 and authorized final design of two Colorado River Aqueduct rehabilitation projects (Agenda Item 7-2)
- Authorized increases in change order authority for hazardous material remediation at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant (Agenda Item 7-3)
- Authorized agreement to reimburse Coachella Valley Water District for \$530,000 in operating costs associated with reducing its 2009 request for Colorado River water by 8,000 acre-feet (Agenda Item 7-4)
- Amended the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to reflect the board's new committee structure (Agenda Item 7-5)
- Adopted a recommendation from the Business and Finance Committee, and directed staff to make no changes to cost of service of methodology, pending further work on the Integrated Water Resources Plan and the Long Range Finance Plan. (Agenda Item 8-1)
- Authorized acquisition of easements required for the Perris Valley Pipeline Project in Riverside County (Agenda Item 8-4)
- Voted to issue a letter from counsel to AFSCME Local 1001 and 1902 denying allegations of a Brown Act violation, and to place an item on the December agenda ratifying the General Manager's withdrawal of a tentative labor agreement (Agenda Item 8-5)
- Agreed that the Dec. 8 board meeting will take place at 9 a.m. so that members could attend an outside awards luncheon where Chief Administrative Officer Gilbert Ivey will be honored as a public sector employee of the year (Agenda Item 5D)