

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-278971

ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 12, 1991

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Water Authority ("CWA") has been established under the County Water Authority Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is the largest component member of the CWA; and

WHEREAS, the CWA is a member of and purchases water from the Southern California Metropolitan Water District ("MWD") which was established under the Metropolitan Water District Act; and

WHEREAS, the CWA Act provides that each member of the CWA may appoint one representative to its board of directors, and that additional appointments may be made by a member for each full five percent (5%) of the total assessed value of property taxable for CWA purposes which lies within the jurisdiction of such member; and

WHEREAS, the City has appointed ten representatives to said CWA board on the basis that more than forty-five percent (45%) of the property taxable for CWA purposes lies within the City; and

WHEREAS, said CWA Act requires the representatives of the City to vote as a unit according to a majority of their number; and

WHEREAS, said unit of City appointed board representatives possesses more than forty-five percent (45%) of voting entitlement on any current measure before the CWA board; and

RECEIVED  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
92 MAR -5 AM 11:50  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

WHEREAS, the CWA Act provides that any measure before the CWA board will carry or fail by majority vote of its members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MWD Act CWA has appointed six members of its fifty-one member board; and

WHEREAS, City greatly depends upon imported water delivered by MWD via CWA to supplement its local supplies in order to provide a reliable water supply to meet the needs of its water consumers; and

WHEREAS, from time to time said CWA board votes on rates charged to its members for water; and

WHEREAS, MWD and CWA have recently adopted significantly increased rates and charges for water service and propose additional rates and charges in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the rates and charges fixed by CWA and MWD are direct costs which must be paid by the water consumers of City; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in keeping water rates as reasonable, affordable, and fair as possible; and

WHEREAS, prompted by the provisions of AB 1794 (Moore), the MWD has commissioned an independent "Study To Investigate Water Supply and Demand Management Strategies Which Will Result In Reliable Waters Supplies At Reasonable Costs, Consistent With The State's Goals For Environmental Protection"; and

WHEREAS, a similar study which will include a complete financial and management audit of the CWA would aid in the assessment of the reasonableness of any further action by the CWA

board to increase water rates; and

WHEREAS, the City's appointees on the CWA board were appointed to assure proportionate representation of the interests of the City in all matters coming before the CWA; and

WHEREAS, both the CWA and the MWD are not subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, regulatory oversight of said public water agencies by the California Public Utilities Commission would better ensure fairness, equity, and reasonableness in their rate setting decisions; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that its appointees to the board of directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, and each of them, are hereby requested and urged to call for a full and impartial audit of the CWA, covering the finances relating to the management, maintenance and operation of its systems, as well as its capital improvement plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said City appointees, and each of them, are hereby requested and urged to employ their full weighted authority under the CWA Act and vote in the negative on any measure before the CWA board which would raise water rates until such time as said audit can be completed and made available for the prior evaluation of all members of the CWA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said City appointees, and each of them, are hereby requested and urged to encourage other

members of the CWA board to likewise vote in the manner  
aforesaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said City appointees, and each  
of them, are hereby requested and urged to sponsor and promote a  
weighted vote of the CWA board calling for a full and impartial  
financial audit of the Southern California Metropolitan Water  
District and for CWA opposition to any measure at MWD board which  
would increase its water rates, until said audit is completed and  
made available for review by all members of the MWD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego hereby  
declares its support for state legislation which would put the  
CWA and MWD under the legal regulatory jurisdiction of the  
California Public Utilities Commission.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By *Frederick M. Ortlieb*  
Frederick M. Ortlieb  
Deputy City Attorney

CMF:FMO:wk:skh  
11/01/91  
12/02/91 REV. 1  
03/04/92 REV. 2  
Or.Dept:Mayor  
R-92-737  
Form=r-t



RECEIVED  
91 NOV -7 PM 4:05  
CITY CLERKS OFFICE  
SAN DIEGO, CA