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OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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California Energy Commission
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Re: Docket No. 09-OII-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Sent via electronic mail and U.S. mail

Dear Commissioners:

Energy Efficiency Projects and the State Energy Programs: Federal Stimulus Fund Eligibility

This letter transmits comments from The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) on the July 15, 2009, workshop of the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Ad Hoc Committee on Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and State Energy Programs (SEP)** held in Sacramento, California. Metropolitan is primarily concerned with comments related to the California Energy Commission's (CEC) determination of eligibility requirements for the competitive grant funding, and whether public agencies like Metropolitan will be eligible to apply for this funding.

Metropolitan, created by a special act of the California State Legislature in 1928, is responsible for providing supplemental water to cities and water agencies in a six-county area in Southern California. Each year, Metropolitan delivers approximately two million acre-feet of water to 19 million people residing in a 5,200-square-mile service area on the coastal plain. Metropolitan imports water from both the Colorado River and the California State Water Project. The water is transported through hundreds of miles of canals, pipelines and tunnels, multiple large capacity pumping plants, treated at five of the world's largest filtration plants, and delivered to 26 cities and water agencies. Significant amounts of energy are consumed during the pumping, treatment and distribution of water supplies. The State Water Project alone consumes approximately 3.41 percent of the State's total energy consumption. In 2007, Metropolitan consumed 5.9 million Megawatt-hours at a cost of over \$250 million. As such, funding opportunities to improve energy efficiency are a high priority for Metropolitan and its member agencies.

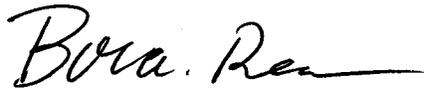
Metropolitan understands that the current eligibility requirements for the federally implemented EECBG include only cities and counties. However, eligibility under California's SEP competitive process is unclear regarding other forms of government, such as water agencies. Metropolitan is seeking confirmation that the eligibility requirements under the SEP program include water agencies such as Metropolitan and its member agencies.

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Metropolitan's eligibility to compete and acquire SEP funding to implement energy efficiency programs would benefit the State of California by reducing reliance on the State's energy resources, reduce Metropolitan's energy requirements, and assist the State in attaining its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals under AB 32.

Metropolitan appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this important issue and please do not hesitate to contact me regarding our comments at (213) 217-7603 or babecker@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobbi Becker" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bobbi Becker
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Water and Energy Funding