

Growth Related Infrastructure Fee – Ranking of Criteria

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California LRFP Rate Structure Group

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Objective

To develop options for Board consideration on how to assess a growth-related infrastructure fee

- This is accomplished by:
 - Receiving inputs from LRFP participants on their goals and objectives
 - Identified criteria that have been discussed at the LRFP and in previous studies
 - Asked each participant to rank the criteria

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LRFP Participation

- Received 8 Member Agency comments
- 7 provided Ranking of Criteria
 - Central Basin MWD
 - Burbank, City of
 - Eastern MWD
 - Foothill MWD
 - Long Beach, City of
 - West Basin MWD
 - Western MWD
- On average 13 Member Agencies participate in LRFP Meeting
 - 26 Member Agencies in Metropolitan

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LRFP - Evaluation Criteria Encourages Local Local agencies meet needs with local resources and infrastructure to the greatest extent possible Stewardship **Local Agency Choice** Each agency has a choice in how it recovers the cost of growth-related infrastructure Allocate a proportionate share of additional costs to those **Rate Equity and Price** agencies requiring additional system capacity Signal No excess burden on Metropolitan Staff **Metropolitan Administrative** Burden No excess burden on Member Agency Staff **Member Agency** Administrative Burden **Legal Authority** Metropolitan should have the legal authority to assess the growth-related cost recovery mechanism Cost of the Fee Cost should not be less economical to the Member Agencies than if the Member Agency constructed the facilities needed to provide additional capacity itself **Ease of Update** Simple, predictable and not overly complicated to update Easily understood by Member Agencies, retail agencies and the **Public Understanding** public © 2008 Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. All Rights Reserved Pathways to Lasting Solutions

Red Oak - Evaluation Criteria

Revenue Stability

Should not create more instability in Metropolitan's revenue stream and should help produce predictable rates for Member Agencies

Consistent with Metropolitan Philosophy

Consistent with prior principles, such as being a regional provider and encouraging projects that have regional benefits

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Results

CRITERIA	Average	Ordinal Rank	Status Quo	Negotiated Contracts	New Water Demands	Connection Fee Assessed at the MA	Connection Fee Assessed at the Retail Level
Encourages Local Stewardship	3.2	1	+	+	+		
Local Agency Choice	5.2	6/7		+		+	
Rate Equity and Price Signal	3.4	2		+	+	+	+
Metropolitan Administrative Burden	7.5	9	+		+		
Member Agency Administrative Burden	7.1	8	+		+	+	
Ease of Update	5.2	6/7	+		+	+	+
Public Understanding	4.9	5	+	?		+	+
Consistent with Metropolitan Philosophy	4.4	4	+		+	+	+
Revenue Stability	4.0	3	+	+			

Lower number represents a greater importance

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Questions and Discussion

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