



- **Board of Directors**
Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming

10/8/2024 Board Meeting

8-5

Subject

Approve the nomination and naming of Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory in honor of former Metropolitan Water Quality Manager and Director of Water Quality, Dr. Michael J. McGuire; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Executive Summary

Metropolitan's Facilities Naming Policy Principle establishes approved standard criteria and procedures to submit a naming request for consideration by Metropolitan's Board. The Board has received nominations from Mr. Paul Rochelle, current Section Manager of Water Quality at Metropolitan, and from former Metropolitan staff members, Dr. Mic Stewart, Dr. Roy Wolfe and Mr. Marshall Davis to recommend naming the Water Quality Laboratory in honor of former Metropolitan employee Dr. Michael J. McGuire, who served as Water Quality Manager and Director of Water Quality, and later Assistant General Manager, in recognition of his legacy of service to Metropolitan, commitment to advancing water quality initiatives, and public service achievements of the highest distinction.

Proposed Action(s)/Recommendation(s) and Options

Staff Recommendation: Option #1

Option #1

Approve the nomination and naming of the Water Quality Laboratory in honor of former Metropolitan Water Quality Manager and Director of Water Quality, Dr. Michael J. McGuire

Fiscal Impact: Minimal costs consisting of the estimated cost to provide signage for the facility. Staff work would be required to update the name of the facility on documents and information materials.

Business Analysis: Approval of nomination and naming of the Water Quality Laboratory in honor of Dr. Michael J. McGuire would recognize his substantial importance and positive impact to Metropolitan and public service achievements of the highest distinction.

Option #2

Take no action.

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: If the nomination and naming are not approved, Metropolitan would forgo the opportunity to acknowledge the important and positive impact of Dr. McGuire.

Alternatives Considered

Not applicable

Applicable Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11104: Delegation of Responsibilities

By Minute Item 51324, dated September 11, 2018, the Board adopted the proposed Metropolitan Facilities Naming Policy Principle as a Board-Adopted Policy Principle.

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

Not applicable

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA because it involves organizational, maintenance, or administrative activities; personnel-related actions; and/or general policy and procedure making that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (Public Resources Code Section 21065; State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) and (5)).

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Details and Background

Background

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is responsible for its facilities, including construction of new facilities, and operations and maintenance of existing facilities. A Metropolitan facility may be named or renamed after an individual, group of individuals, or an organization. The primary criteria for naming or renaming a Metropolitan facility is to honor an individual, group of individuals, or organization that has or have had a substantial, important, and positive impact upon Metropolitan as a member of its Board or as an employee, and/or demonstrated personal achievements of the highest distinction in a public service role while maintaining close ties with and providing significant support to Metropolitan.

Michael J. McGuire Nomination

Dr. Michael J. McGuire was a driving force behind the building of the Water Quality Laboratory and in establishing Metropolitan as a leader in the field of water quality.

In 1979, Dr. McGuire began his career as a water quality engineer in Metropolitan's Water Quality Branch. He later became the Director of Water Quality and, in 1990, was appointed Assistant General Manager. During his tenure, significant regulatory changes at both state and federal levels prompted him to elevate the importance of water quality within the organization, leading to the Water Quality Branch being upgraded to a Division. Dr. McGuire believed that addressing complex water quality challenges required a multidisciplinary approach, and he recruited top engineers and scientists to collaborate on developing innovative solutions. The rapid increase in staff and the growing need for resources led to the expansion of laboratory and research facilities. Dr. McGuire was instrumental in the creation of the cutting-edge Water Quality Laboratory and the construction of the \$20 million Oxidation Demonstration Facility.

Dr. McGuire recognized the crucial role of research in meeting new regulatory demands and advancing water quality science. Under his leadership, the research conducted by Metropolitan's Water Quality Division significantly influenced the development of emerging water quality regulations. This led to Metropolitan gaining national and international recognition as a leader in water quality. Dr. McGuire encouraged staff to actively participate in scientific forums and serve on professional water industry committees.

One of his most notable accomplishments was the introduction of ozone disinfection at Metropolitan's treatment plants. Extensive research was conducted to develop the most effective implementation strategy, and under Dr. McGuire's leadership, the Water Quality team presented their findings to Metropolitan's Board of Directors and member agencies, seeking input on various ozone-related issues. The research conducted at Metropolitan has since benefited ozone plants both in California and nationwide. Additionally, Dr. McGuire enhanced treatment strategies for Metropolitan's source water reservoirs to address taste and odor issues. He oversaw the development of advanced detection methods for taste and odor compounds and introduced Flavor Profile Analysis

to ensure that the treated water met consumer standards for acceptability before being delivered to Metropolitan's Member Agencies.

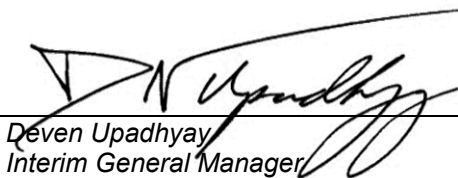
After leaving Metropolitan, Dr. McGuire continued his work on water quality issues in the private sector. From 2010 to 2014, he was a lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he taught a course in water treatment plant design. In 2014, he was appointed as adjunct professor at UCLA where he taught courses in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department and the Institute of Environment and Sustainability. He served as Vice President of the American Water Works Association from 1994 to 1996, and has been a member of the Water Environment Foundation for over 40 years. He is also a member of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, American Academy of Environmental Engineers, American Chemical Society, American Society of Civil Engineers and the International Water Association, and has participated in several committees of the National Research Council of the National Academies.

Dr. McGuire has authored and presented over 300 professional articles and co-edited five books. His book, *The Chlorine Revolution: Water Disinfection and the Fight to Save Lives*, has been highly praised within the water industry. Throughout his career, Dr. McGuire has received numerous awards and honors, including the esteemed Abel Wolman Award, which recognizes individuals in the water industry who demonstrate vision, creativity, and excellence. The award also acknowledges recipients whose careers have had a significant effect on the professionalism of the water sector.

Nominations Received:

Nominator	Nominee	Facility
Paul Rochelle, Section Manager, Water Quality	Dr. Michael J. McGuire	Water Quality Lab
Dr. Mic Stewart Dr. Roy Wolfe Mr. Marshall Davis	Dr. Michael J. McGuire	Water Quality Lab


 _____ 9/27/2024
Sue Sims Date
 Group Manager – External Affairs


 _____ 10/1/2024
Deven Upadhyay Date
 Interim General Manager

Attachment 1 – Nomination submittal by Mr. Paul Rochelle, Section Manager, Water Quality for Dr. Michael McGuire

Attachment 2 – Nomination submittal by Dr. Mic Stewart, Dr. Roy Wolfe and Mr. Marshall Davis for Dr. Michael McGuire

Attachment 3 – Support letter from Mr. Ed Means for Dr. Michael McGuire



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Metropolitan Facilities Naming Request Form

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1. Name for consideration: Dr. Michael J. McGuire

- Board to select appropriate Metropolitan facility
- Facility proposed for naming or renaming: Water Quality Laboratory

2. The criteria which the proposed name meets or satisfies: (check all that apply)

- Substantial, important and positive impact upon Metropolitan as a member of its Board or staff
- Personal achievements of highest distinction in a public service role, while maintaining close ties with and providing significant support to Metropolitan
- Names that have historical or regional significance to the facility or location, ordinarily not for living persons
- Other: _____

3. Provide supporting documentation, as available:

- A memorandum giving the particulars of the naming request that includes the rationale for the naming, referring to relevant criteria;
- Background and information about the individual, group of individuals, or organization for which the facility is to be named or renamed;
- Letters of support for this request;
- Other information that may be relevant to the potential implementation of the request such as historical photographs and articles;
- A list of other facilities named, or being proposed to be named or renamed after the same individual, group of individuals or organizations, including location and date.

You may be contacted by Metropolitan staff for additional information, if needed.

Name of Requestor: Paul Rochelle

Mailing Address: Water Quality Laboratory, 700 Moreno Avenue, La Verne, CA 91750

Telephone: (909)230-1199 **Email:** prochelle@mwdh2o.com

Signature: Paul A Rochelle Digitally signed by Paul A Rochelle
Date: 2024.09.09 13:47:32 -0700 **Date:** 9/9/2024

Please mail this application and supporting documents to: Metropolitan Board of Directors, P.O. 54153, Los Angeles, CA 90054-053 or ssims@mwdh2o.com

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Facilities Naming Request Form

September 9, 2024

To: Facilities Naming Committee, Metropolitan Board of Directors
From: Paul Rochelle, Water Quality Section Manager
Subject: Naming the Water Quality Laboratory after Dr. Michael J. McGuire

This memorandum provides information in support of naming the Water Quality Laboratory in La Verne after Dr. Michael J. McGuire.

Michael McGuire joined Metropolitan as a water quality engineer in 1979, supervising the Water Quality Laboratory and directing various treatment and environmental chemistry projects. He became Water Quality Branch manager in 1984 and the Director of Water Quality when the Branch became a Division. Under his leadership, Water Quality conducted a comprehensive research program to determine the cause of taste and odor problems, developed a sensitive technique for measuring taste and odor compounds, and introduced the Flavor Profile Analysis method, adapted from the food and beverage industry, and still used today. In addition, SCUBA diving was introduced as a tool for managing water quality in lakes under Dr. McGuire's tenure in the early 1980s. As the water quality engineer and then Water Quality Branch Manager, he led the project to build the original dedicated Water Quality Laboratory at the Weymouth facility, completed in 1985, which was needed to accommodate new and more sophisticated testing methods and the increased staff needed to do the work. Under his leadership, Water Quality increased from 42 positions to 82 staff in just six years.

Dr. McGuire managed conversion of Metropolitan's secondary disinfection from free chlorine to chloramines in 1984/85 and with the strong support of Metropolitan Director Ina Roth (Chair of the Special Committee on Water Quality), he set Metropolitan on the path to adopting ozone as the primary disinfectant at the treatment plants. After extensive research, he recognized that ozone would provide better control of disinfection byproducts while inactivating pathogens and help to mitigate unpleasant tastes and odors in drinking water. He was the originator and driving force in developing the Oxidation Demonstration Plant at the Weymouth facility, which was used to test and confirm the efficacy of ozone for improving the quality of Metropolitan's water over many years of operation.

In his six years in charge of the Water Quality Branch/Division, Dr. McGuire established Metropolitan as a water quality leader and set the stage for innovative and groundbreaking research to improve water quality and protect public health. He authored, co-authored, or staff under his leadership authored numerous technical papers, reports, and conference presentations on a wide variety of topics, including organic chemical contaminants, ozone disinfection, taste and odor analysis, disinfection byproducts, treatment technologies, controlling algae growth in reservoirs, and drinking water regulations. After leaving Water Quality in 1990 and Metropolitan in 1992, he has continued to make significant contributions to the water industry.



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1. Name for consideration: DR. MICHAEL J. MCGUIRE WATER QUALITY LABORATORY
 - Board to select appropriate Metropolitan facility
 - Facility proposed for naming or renaming: WATER QUALITY LABORATORY

2. The criteria which the proposed name meets or satisfies: (check all that apply)
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You may be contacted by Metropolitan staff for additional information, if needed.

Name of Requestor: DR. MIC STEWART
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 Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/23/24

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1. **Name for consideration:** Dr. Michael J. McGuire Water Quality Laboratory
 - Board to select appropriate Metropolitan facility
 - Facility proposed for naming or renaming: Water Quality Laboratory

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Name of Requestor: Dr. Roy L. Wolfe

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Email: roylwolfe@gmail.com

Signature: *Roy Wolfe*

Date: Aug 22, 2024

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Name of Requestor: Marshall Davis

Mailing Address: 637 Sedalia Avenue, La Verne, CA 91750

Telephone: 1 909 234-2092 Email: mkdavis48@aol.com

Signature: Marshall Davis Date: 8/23/2024

Please mail this application and supporting documents to: Metropolitan Board of Directors, P.O. 54153, Los Angeles, CA 90054-053 or ssims@mwdh2u.com

August 22, 2024

To: Metropolitan Board of Directors, Facilities Naming Committee

From: Dr. Mic Stewart, Dr. Roy Wolfe, and Mr. Marshall Davis

Subject: Naming of Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory to "Dr. Michael J. McGuire Water Quality Laboratory"

This letter is in support of naming Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory as the "Dr. Michael J. McGuire Water Quality Laboratory." In 1979, Dr. McGuire started as a water quality engineer in the Water Quality Branch. He subsequently became the Director of Water Quality and by 1990 became an Assistant General Manager. In 1992, Dr. McGuire retired from Metropolitan and started McGuire Environmental Consultants, Inc. Significant regulatory developments at both the State and Federal level occurred during Dr. McGuire's tenure at Metropolitan. In response, he elevated the role of water quality at Metropolitan which resulted in the Water Quality Branch obtaining Division status. He believed that challenging water quality issues would be best addressed by a multidisciplinary approach and subsequently hired highly talented engineers and scientists to work together to develop new and innovative solutions. The rapid growth in staff and the need for expanded facilities necessitated the expansion of laboratory and research facilities. Dr. McGuire was the key driving force behind the building of the state-of-the-art Water Quality Laboratory and the \$20 million dollar Oxidation Demonstration Facility.

Dr. McGuire understood that research played a pivotal role in addressing new regulatory requirements and advancing the science of water quality. Under his leadership, many of the developing water quality regulations were influenced based on research conducted by Metropolitan's Water Quality Division. Metropolitan soon became recognized as a national and international leader in water quality issues. Dr. McGuire encouraged Water Quality staff participation in scientific forums and to serve as members of professional water industry committees.

One of Dr. McGuire's key achievements included the implementation of ozone disinfection at Metropolitan's treatment plants. Considerable research was performed to develop the most effective implementation strategy. Under Dr. McGuire's guidance, Water Quality staff provided presentations to Metropolitan's Board of Directors and Metropolitan's Member Agencies seeking input on various ozone implementation issues. Ozone plants in California and across the country have benefited from the research conducted at Metropolitan. Dr. McGuire also implemented more robust treatment strategies in Metropolitan's source water reservoirs to address taste and odor concerns. As part of this effort, he also directed

the development of new detection methods for taste and odor compounds and introduced the Flavor Profile Analysis to ensure consumer acceptability of treated water delivered to Metropolitan's member agencies.

Dr. McGuire's professional accomplishments are considerable. He has written and presented over 300 professional articles and co-edited five books. His book entitled "The Chlorine Revolution: Water Disinfection and the Fight to Save Lives" has received critical acclaim in the water industry. Dr. McGuire has received numerous professional awards and honors including the prestigious Abel Wolman Award which is given to recognize individuals in the water works industry that exemplify vision, creativity, and excellence. The award also stipulates that recipients' careers must have had recognizable impact on the professionalism of the water industry.

Overlooking the sedimentation basins at the F. E. Weymouth Treatment Plant is the inscription "Life Giving Water to Make Forever Fruitful the Land of a People of Vision and Courage." Dr. McGuire exemplifies the spirit of this inscription. He is a leader in the water industry and is known for his vision and courage in addressing challenges associated with providing safe drinking water to Metropolitan's customers. He was the driving force behind the building of the Water Quality Laboratory and in establishing Metropolitan as a leader in the field of water quality. We strongly endorse naming the Water Quality Laboratory as the "Dr. Michael J. McGuire Water Quality Laboratory."

Sincerely,

Dr. Mic Stewart (retired Director of Water Quality)

Dr. Roy Wolfe (retired Corporate Resources Group Manager)

Mr. Marshall Davis (retired Water Quality Laboratory Manager)

Sims,Sue

From: Mic STEWART <micstewart8@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2024 2:54 PM
To: Ortega,Anthony R; Wheeler,Margie; Sims,Sue
Subject: Nomination Letters for Dr. Michael McGuire and Ms. Ina Roth
Attachments: Mike Nomination letter final rev.docx; Nomination forms--Wolfe; Nomination of Ina Roth final.docx; scan_20240823104453.pdf; MJM Nomination MKD.jpeg

Chair Ortega:

Attached are two letters of support for renaming Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory as the "Dr. Michael J. McGuire Water Quality Laboratory" and the ozone facility located at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant as the "Ina Roth Ozone Facility". These letters are signed by Dr. Roy Wolfe, Mr. Marshall Davis and myself. These letters and accompanying Metropolitan Facilities Naming Request Forms were originally submitted on August 23. I am resubmitting this information as I understand that the Facilities Naming Committee is meeting soon and needs timely input on the facilities naming issue.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mic Stewart, Water Quality Director (retired)

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August 26, 2024

Mr. Michael Comacho
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 N Alameda St, #1, Los Angeles, CA

Letter of Support for Naming the Water Quality Laboratory after Dr. Michael J. McGuire

Dear Mr. Comacho,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposal to name the Water Quality Laboratory in La Verne after Dr. Michael J. McGuire. This initiative not only honors an individual of exceptional merit but also reflects the values and legacy that Metropolitan strives to uphold.

Dr. McGuire, during his tenure at Metropolitan through from 1979 to approximately 1992 80's has made significant contributions to the drinking water community through

- Leading the remarkable rise of the Water Quality function. In the 1970's the laboratory function consisted of about a dozen chemists, microbiologists, and engineers providing primarily operations support and basic regulatory compliance. Under Dr. McGuire's direction in the 1980's, the water quality function expanded to 82 chemists, microbiologists, and engineers.
- This development featured multiple initiatives directly spearheaded by Dr. McGuire including:
 - Leading Metropolitan's conversion to chloramines in the early 1980's to meet more stringent disinfection by-product standards.
 - Providing national leadership in the 1986 reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act saving Metropolitan billions of dollars in treatment costs.
 - Leading the development of nitrification control technology at Metropolitan.
 - McGuire programmed the new 28,000 square-foot, green-field laboratory which was constructed and opened in 1985. Prior to that the laboratory was shoehorned into a 1940's era building.
 - Leading the development of taste and odor algae control methods.
 - Spearheading the research and policy for Metropolitan's conversion to ozone/PEROXONE.

- Initiating and supporting development of cutting-edge disinfection by-product (DBP) analytical and research capability. This proved to be prescient in positioning Metropolitan to lead negotiations on DBP regulations in Washington DC in the 1990's. Dr. McGuire also personally provided key scientific and technical support to the development of national DBP standards in Washington DC during the 1990's.
- Leading the implementation of cutting-edge Flavor Profile Analysis at Metropolitan.
- Hundreds of publications in peer-reviewed journals and several books that have been cited over 7,000 times by other national and international researchers in the water quality community according to Google Scholar.
- Direct mentoring of staff to enable their rise to recognized leadership positions in the water quality community (including Stuart Krasner, Marshall Davis, Dr. Rick DeLeon, Dr. Mic Stewart, Dr. Roy Wolfe, Ted Tanaka, Ed Means, and many others).

Dr. McGuire's dedication and passion has left an indelible mark on Metropolitan and the broader water quality community. Further, he continues to be a resource to the region and the State. Naming the building after Dr. McGuire would be a fitting tribute to his enduring impact and serve as a lasting reminder of his exemplary commitment.

The Water Quality Laboratory stands as a symbol of our collective aspirations and achievements. By naming it after Dr. McGuire we honor his legacy in a way that aligns with the values of innovation, service, and leadership that Metropolitan exemplifies. This gesture would also serve as a powerful source of inspiration for future generations, encouraging them to follow in the footsteps of someone who has so profoundly shaped the field of environmental engineering and protection of water quality.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the naming of Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory in honor of Dr. Michael J. McGuire. It is a fitting tribute that recognizes his extraordinary contributions and ensures that his legacy continues to inspire and guide us for years to come.

Thank you for considering this important proposal. I am confident that this decision will be met with great approval and respect from our community.

Sincerely,



Edward G. Means III
President
Means Consulting LLC