



Approve annual memberships for the National Water Research Institute (NWRI) and California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance's (CCEEB's) Air and Climate Change Projects

Communication and Legislation Committee

Item # 7-6

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# Proposed Action

- Approve membership with NWRI and authorize annual dues payment of \$50,000
- Approve membership with CCEEB's Air Project and Climate Change Project and authorize annual dues payments of \$30,500 and \$34,000, respectively



# NWRI and CCEEB

- NWRI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that collaborates with water utilities, regulators, and researchers to help develop new, healthy sources of drinking water
- CCEEB advocates for policies that improve the environment and protect public health while maintaining a strong and competitive economy

# Addressing Water Reuse

- Examples of NWRI's Expert Panels
  - Advanced Purification Center Demonstration Project (Metropolitan)
  - Direct Potable Reuse (WaterReuse Association)
  - Groundwater Replenishment Project (LADWP)
  - Groundwater Replenishment System (OCWD)
  - Optimizing Source Control in Support of Direct Potable Reuse (SWRCB)
  - Pure Water San Diego (City of San Diego)
  - Regional Indirect Potable Reuse Water Recycling Project (Valley Water)

# Addressing Climate Change

- CCEEB's Air Project
  - Advanced Clean Truck Rule
  - 2020 Mobile Source Strategy, and
  - Funding and incentives for vehicle transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs)
- CCEEB's Climate Change Project
  - Water-energy nexus issues
  - Short-lived climate pollutants
  - Renewable energy resources, and
  - Cap and Trade Program



# Benefits of Membership

- Greater advocacy on issues that impact Metropolitan's daily operations, future initiatives, and environmental stewardship efforts
  - Climate change
  - Water reuse
- Expert analysis
- Increased coordination between stakeholders

# Action

- Option #1

- Approve Metropolitan's annual membership in NWRI and authorize annual dues of \$50,000, and approve Metropolitan's annual membership in CCEEB's Air Project and Climate Change Project and authorize annual dues payments of \$30,500 and \$34,000, respectively

- Option #2

- Do not approve Metropolitan's membership in NWRI and CCEEB's Air and Climate Change Projects

# Staff Recommends

- Option #1



