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15 CHINO BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER
16 DISTRICT,

Case No. RCVRS 51010

17 Plaintiff,

Judge: Hon. Stanford E. Reichert

18 v.

DECLARATION OF EDUARDO
ESPINOZA

19 CITY OF CHINO, et al. ,

[Filed with:

20 Defendants.

- 1. Declaration of Josh Swift;
- 2. Memorandum of Points & Authorities In Opposition; and
- 3. [Proposed] Order]

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1 6. To address these concerns, discussions began in 2018 over a voluntary withdrawal
2 provision. In Pool meetings and in the Watermaster Board meeting in September 2018, the
3 Watermaster General Manager informed the Judgment parties that the Watermaster intended to
4 sign a letter agreement allowing the Operating Parties to purchase and withdraw imported water
5 from storage at any time, rather than just in response to a call by MWD. Neither the City of
6 Ontario (“Ontario”) nor any other party to the Judgment party expressed opposition to the
7 substance of the agreement, or the procedure of using a letter agreement. Specifically, no party
8 expressed any concerns about the authority of the Watermaster General Manager to sign the letter
9 agreement or the absence of formal approval by the Watermaster Board of Directors. The letter
10 agreement was signed in 2019. A true and correct copy of the 2019 Letter Agreement, dated
11 February 5, 2019 and signed in February 2019, is attached as Exh. B.

12 7. After the 2019 Letter Agreement was signed, IEUA offered its member agencies,
13 including Ontario, the opportunity to purchase and withdraw imported water from storage on a
14 voluntary basis. Ontario did not use this opportunity, but Fontana Water Company (“FWC”) and
15 CVWD did. Both Agencies have purchased and withdrawn imported water from storage in
16 Production Years (“PY”) 2019/20 and PY 2020/21, and are still doing so.

17 8. Under the DYYP Agreement, since 2004 MWD has paid an “administrative fee”
18 of \$132,000 (plus an annual inflation adjustment) per year to the Watermaster, which has
19 increased to over \$170,000 annually by 2021, “to cover the incremental costs and expenses of
20 administering the Program during such year.” Therefore, MWD pays the Watermaster for its
21 administrative costs of operating the DYYP like the administrative assessments on groundwater
22 production that AP members pay to produce native water. MWD pays the “administrative fee”
23 annually regardless if it puts imported water in the ground or an agency takes imported water out
24 of the ground in any given year, and there have been many years throughout the program where
25 there has been no put or take activity.

26 9. As the purchase price for MWD’s stored water, the DYYP Agreement requires
27 that Operating Parties pay the “then applicable [MWD] full-service rate” for each acre foot of
28 water called for and withdrawn from the MWD Storage Account. In addition, DYYP water is

1 factored into fixed MWD readiness to serve (RTS) fees paid by CVWD. This means that, in PY
2 2020/21, CVWD paid more than \$762 per acre foot to withdraw MWD Stored Water and an
3 additional \$981,000 in RTS charges, a portion of which is attributable to DYYP water. Further,
4 MWD applies an operational credit to the Operating Parties, which represents a particular
5 Operating Party's operational cost to perform, consistent with the DYYP agreements. CVWD has
6 always paid these MWD service rates amounts in full when withdrawing imported water from the
7 MWD Stored Water.

8 10. Since inception of the DYYP in 2003, withdrawals of MWD stored imported water
9 through pumping by local Operating Parties in the Chino Basin in lieu of purchasing imported
10 surface water have never been subject to Watermaster assessments under the court-approved
11 DYYP Agreement and 2019 Letter Agreement. A true and correct copy of the Watermaster Staff
12 Report, 1/27/22, p. 5, confirming this practice is attached as Exh. C. Until recently, neither
13 Ontario nor any other Chino Basin pumper ever challenged that course of conduct by the
14 Watermaster. To the contrary, in the first cycle of the DYYP, Ontario regularly conducted puts
15 and takes of Stored Water under the DYYP without paying assessments on the water it pumped
16 from the Basin. Ontario also voted in favor of assessment packages as recently as Fiscal Year
17 ("FY") 2020/21 under which DYYP withdrawals were not assessed.

18 11. CVWD will incur significant financial and operational harm if their past or
19 ongoing withdrawals of Stored Water under the DYYP are subject to production assessments.
20 From PY 2019/20 forward, most of CVWD's groundwater pumping constituted withdrawal of
21 Stored Water from the MWD Storage Account. Since PY 2020/21, CVWD has already paid and
22 continues to pay more than \$799 per acre foot to MWD to withdraw this water. If it is also
23 compelled to pay Watermaster assessments on the pumping of that water, CVWD would incur
24 significant undue harm. The total financial impact to CVWD from such a change would range
25 from approximately \$2.3 to \$8.65 million, depending on the prescribed remedy, for PY 2020/21.

26 12. And, these extra charges would make the cost of producing each acre foot of water
27 under the DYYP far more expensive than simply purchasing imported surface water from MWD
28 or other available sources. As a result, there would be no financial reason for CVWD, or any

1 other appropriator, to participate in the DYYP, which would have a chilling effect on the entire
2 program.

3 13. If, for example, the Court determines that pumping under the DYYP is assessable
4 as regular production, CVWD will eliminate DYYP pumping going forward and likely stop all
5 participation in the DYYP until program uncertainty is resolved. Therefore, delays in a Court
6 ruling will thus have significant impacts on CVWD's operational and financial decisions for the
7 remainder of PY 2021/2122 and beyond.

8 14. CVWD and Fontana Water Company ("FWC") are no longer in settlement
9 discussions with Ontario over DYYP issues. They met with Ontario representatives twice in
10 January 2022 and received a unilateral term sheet by Ontario at the second January 24, 2022
11 meeting. However, based on the written proposal, CVWD does not believe settlement is possible,
12 particularly insofar as Ontario's proposal seeks assurances and representations regarding DYYP
13 administration from parties other than CVWD and FWC.

14 I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct.

15 Executed at Rancho Cucamonga, California, March 24, 2022.

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EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT NO. 49960
GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM
FUNDING AGREEMENT

BY AND AMONG

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AND

INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

AND

THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

AND

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

DATED AS OF _____, 2003

EXHIBIT A

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GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

THIS GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT (this "**Agreement**"), dated as of March 1, 2003, is entered into by and among **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** ("**Metropolitan**"), a public entity of the State of California, **INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY**, a municipal water district of the State of California ("**IEUA**"), **THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**, a municipal water district of the State of California ("**TVMWD**") and **CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**, an entity established by the Superior Court of the State of California as described in Recital F below ("**Watermaster**").

I. RECITALS

- A. In March 2000, California voters approved Proposition 13 ("**Prop. 13**") authorizing the State of California to sell \$1.97 billion in general obligation bonds for water related projects throughout the State. The Governor's Budget Act for 2000, Chapter 52, Statutes of 2000, appropriated to the California Department of Water Resources ("**DWR**") local assistance grants for groundwater storage and supply reliability projects in the amount of \$161,544,000 by budget item 3860-01-6027, payable from the Interim Reliable Water Supply and Water Quality Infrastructure and Managed Subaccount.
- B. Metropolitan subsequently was selected by DWR as a grant recipient for \$45 million (the "**Prop. 13 Funds**") to be used for groundwater storage projects within its service area. In a letter dated October 13, 2000 (the "**DWR Funding Letter**") (see Exhibit A attached hereto), DWR set forth the specific terms and conditions of the grant to Metropolitan.
- C. On September 20, 2000, Metropolitan sent a letter to its twenty-six member public agencies (consisting of cities, municipal water districts and a county water authority within its 5,155 square-mile service area covering portions of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties), requesting a list of groundwater storage projects to be considered for Prop. 13 Funding. On November 1, 2000, Metropolitan delivered to those member public agencies that indicated an interest in the Prop. 13 groundwater storage programs the Request for Proposals for Participation in Groundwater Storage Programs Using Proposition 13 Funds, RFP No. WRM-2 (the "**RFP**") (see Exhibit B attached hereto). Metropolitan subsequently conducted a Pre-Submittal Workshop, open to the public, on November 8, 2000, to address any concerns or questions regarding the RFP.
- D. Metropolitan anticipated that programs funded by the Prop. 13 Funds would store water (by various methods) that Metropolitan imports from the State Water Project and the Colorado River. This stored water would be pumped by the member agency (or a sub-agency) with a corresponding reduction in surface water

deliveries from Metropolitan. As a result, Metropolitan would have a greater amount of water to distribute within its service area. In addition, such groundwater storage programs are part of a larger effort to meet water supply demands in Southern California, as specifically set forth in the Integrated Water Resources Plan ("IRP") approved by Metropolitan's Board of Directors in 1996, and the Groundwater Storage Principles (see Appendix A of Exhibit B attached hereto) adopted in connection therewith by Metropolitan's Board of Directors in January 2000.

- E. IEUA and TVMWD are both municipal water districts formed in 1950 and have been member agencies of Metropolitan since their formation. IEUA was formerly known as Chino Basin Municipal Water District. IEUA serves a portion of San Bernardino County and has one or more designated representatives on Metropolitan's Board of Directors. TVMWD was formerly known as Pomona Valley Municipal Water District. TVMWD serves a portion of Los Angeles County and has one or more designated representatives on Metropolitan's Board of Directors.
- F. The Watermaster was established under the Judgment in the Superior Court of California for County of San Bernardino, entitled, "Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.," entered into on January 27, 1978 ("Judgment"). The Watermaster is responsible for managing the Chino Groundwater Basin ("Chino Basin") in the most beneficial manner and for equitably administering and enforcing the provisions of the Judgment.
- G. Metropolitan has the following storage agreements with IEUA and Chino Basin Watermaster beginning in 1979:
 - 1. Cyclic Storage Agreement approved by the Court in January 1979.
 - 2. The MWD Trust Storage Agreement approved by the Court in August 1986.
 - 3. The Short-Term Conjunctive Use Agreement (CB-5) approved in September 1993.
- H. On January 19, 2001, the Proposal for Chino Basin Groundwater Storage Project (the "**Proposal**") was submitted by IEUA for Metropolitan's consideration (see Exhibit C attached hereto). On April 10, 2001, Metropolitan notified IEUA that the program described in its Proposal had been selected for further consideration (see Exhibit D attached hereto) and that it was eligible for up to \$9 million of the Prop. 13 Funds. The Program is also eligible for disbursement of up to \$ 18.5 million of other funds administered by Metropolitan. The Prop. 13 Funds plus the Metropolitan funds specifically allocated to the proposed Program are referred to herein as the "**Program Funds**."
- I. During further development of the Program, the City of Pomona was identified as a participating retail agency (Operating Party) for implementation of the Program. The City of Pomona is a sub-agency of TVMWD, and TVMWD has therefore joined this Agreement.

- J. Accordingly, the parties hereto (each a "Party" and, collectively, the "Parties") desire to enter into a mutually beneficial agreement for a groundwater storage program funded by Program Funds that will achieve reasonable and beneficial conjunctive use of Metropolitan's water supply to provide 33,000 acre-feet of additional pumping capacity in the Chino Basin in accordance with this Agreement and the Groundwater Storage Principles referenced above. This Agreement describes the terms of the Program agreed to among Metropolitan, the Watermaster, IEUA, and TVMWD which includes the terms for the storage and delivery of stored water from Metropolitan, the construction of groundwater production facilities, and the funding of such facilities. All of the elements together as described in this Agreement shall constitute the "Program".
- K. Pursuant to the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, IEUA, acting as lead agency, prepared and processed a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Final PEIR) for the Chino Basin Watermaster Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP) which included conjunctive use Storage and Recovery Program of 500,000 acre-feet (the "Storage and Recovery Program"). Among other things, the Final PEIR evaluated the environmental effects associated with the construction activities that are tied to and funded by this Agreement. On July 12, 2000, IEUA certified the Final PEIR and approved the OBMP.
- L. Subsequent to certification of the Final PEIR, IEUA found that it needed to make minor modifications to the proposed construction activities. IEUA determined that these modifications would not result in any significant new environmental effects, substantially increase the severity of previously identified effects, or require any new mitigation measures beyond those examined by and proposed in the Final PEIR. IEUA prepared a Finding of Consistency (i.e., Addendum) documenting this determination, which it certified on December 18, 2002.
- M. TVMWD and Metropolitan, acting as responsible agencies, have reviewed the information contained in the Final PEIR and Finding of Consistency, and have adopted IEUA's findings concerning the environmental effects associated with the construction activities that are tied to and funded by this Agreement.
- N. As of the date of this Agreement, no legal action has been filed challenging the Final PEIR, the Finding of Consistency, or any determination and approvals issued by IEUA, TVMWD or Metropolitan that relate to the Program or this Agreement.
- O. IEUA and Watermaster are funding a \$45 million Recharge Master Plan capital improvement program, separate and apart from this agreement, that will increase significantly the ability for Metropolitan to store water through direct replenishment into Metropolitan's storage account. Under the OBMP the parties to the Judgment have agreed to expand the existing Chino I Desalter from 8 mgd

to 14 mgd and build the Chino II Desalter at a capacity of 10 mgd to produce and treat approximately 25,000 AF per year of poor quality water to minimize downstream water quality impacts on the Orange County Water District (OCWD) consistent with the OBMP Program Environmental Impact Report and Chino I expansion/Chino II Desalter Environmental Impact Report and the Memorandum of Understanding with OCWD.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing Recitals, and for other good and valuable consideration the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

II. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

A. Effective Date

Upon execution by all Parties, this Agreement shall be deemed effective as of March 1, 2003 (the "**Effective Date**").

B. Termination Date

This Agreement shall initially terminate on the date which is twenty-five years after the Effective Date, unless sooner terminated in accordance herewith (the "**Initial Termination Date**"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement will renew for a five-year period commencing on the Initial Termination Date, and each fifth anniversary thereof (each, a "**Renewal Date**"), if written consent of all parties is filed with Metropolitan at least 90 days prior to each termination date. This Agreement shall absolutely terminate and be of no further force or effect on the date that is fifty years after the Effective Date (the "**Final Termination Date**").

III. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO FUNDING OBLIGATION AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Metropolitan's funding obligations with respect to construction of the Facilities (as set forth in Article V below) are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent, or waiver of the condition(s) precedent, by Metropolitan:

A. CEQA.

Any and all environmental reviews and supporting documentation ("**CEQA Documents**") required to implement the Program and/or this Agreement shall have been completed, certified and approved by the Parties in accordance with CEQA and its guidelines. Further, the time period for commencing a legal action challenging any of these CEQA Documents, or challenging any certifications, findings, determinations, approvals or authorizations that are related to or based

upon such CEQA Documents, shall have lapsed with no such legal action having been filed.

B. DWR Commitment

The conditions necessary to receive Prop. 13 Funds under the DWR Funding Letter shall have been satisfied, and DWR shall be committed to disbursing the Prop. 13 Funds to Metropolitan in accordance with the DWR Funding Letter, the Schedule and the Budget.

C. Permits and Approvals

Any authorizations, consents, licenses, permits and approvals from any Governmental Authority (as defined hereafter) or person as may be required by applicable law to construct and operate the Program (including, without limitation, the approvals or consents from other groundwater users in the Chino Basin, or parties whose approval is required by any judgment in an adjudicated basin, and approval and recognition of this Agreement by the San Bernardino Superior Court with continuing jurisdiction over the Judgment (collectively, the **"Required Approvals"**) shall have been obtained. IEUA shall have delivered reasonably satisfactory evidence of such Required Approvals to Metropolitan. None of the Required Approvals shall impose any condition to such approval that a Party finds unacceptable, and any acceptable conditions to the Required Approvals shall have been satisfied or waived by the person imposing such condition or will be satisfied by the Program as then contemplated.

"Governmental Authority" means any federal, state, local or other governmental, regulatory or administrative agency, governmental commission, department, board, subdivision, court, tribunal, or other governmental arbitrator, arbitral body or other authority.

D. No Litigation

IEUA, TVMWD, and Watermaster shall have certified that, except as disclosed in writing to Metropolitan and accepted by Metropolitan in its reasonable discretion, there is no litigation, including any arbitration, investigation or other proceeding, pending before any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority, nor any such litigation threatened, nor any decree, order or injunction issued by any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority and remaining in effect, which relates to Program Funds or the Program or which prevents or hinders (or seeks to prevent or hinder) implementation of the Program, or which raises a question as to the validity of this Agreement, or any of the other Program agreements.

The date upon which each of the foregoing conditions has been satisfied or waived by Metropolitan, as set forth in a written notice from Metropolitan to IEUA, shall be the **"Funding Obligation Date."**

IV. PROGRAM PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

A. Planning

1. General Description of Program

The Program includes the following components:

- a. Metropolitan shall have the right to: (1) deliver and store imported water supplies in the Chino Basin at up to a rate of 25,000 acre-feet per year and up to 100,000 AF in storage at any time (“**Maximum Storage Amount**”), subject to higher amounts if approved in advance by the Chino Basin Watermaster, and (2) cause Chino Basin stored water to be produced at a rate of 33,000 AF per year, pursuant to the Exhibit G “Performance Criteria” of this Agreement, the Chino Basin Judgment and the Watermaster Rules and Regulations. Watermaster will provide for rights to store and extract water from the Chino Basin.
- b. The proposed groundwater storage Program consists of the facilities described in Exhibit H (the “**Facilities**”). The agencies within the service areas of IEUA and TVMWD responsible for operating the respective Facilities (“**Operating Parties**”) are also listed in Exhibit H. IEUA and TVMWD will enter into agreements with the **Operating Parties** within their respective service areas that will require such **Operating Parties** to operate and maintain the Facilities.
- c. Water provided for storage by Metropolitan hereunder (“**Program Water**”) will be untreated water, as defined in Section 4104 of Metropolitan’s Administrative Code. Water stored by spreading or injection in the Chino Basin must meet the applicable water quality requirements as required by the Watermaster and any other regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the Chino Basin.
- d. Metropolitan will fund the construction of the Facilities in accordance with this Agreement.

2. Operational Capacity Thresholds

The Program “**Operational Capacity Thresholds**” are:

- a. *Storage.* Water can be stored in the following ways: (1) spreading, (2) injection, (3) in-lieu deliveries (pursuant to the administration procedures described in Exhibit F) and transfer from existing Metropolitan storage accounts consistent with the Chino Basin

Judgment. Metropolitan can store water in the Chino Basin at a rate of 25,000 AF per year, unless a greater amount is approved by the Watermaster.

- b. *Extraction.* At a minimum, the Facilities, when combined with the existing groundwater production capacity of the Operating Parties as defined in Exhibit H, if necessary, shall be designed to have the capacity to extract water from the Chino Basin at a rate of 33,000 AF per year. Prior to the completion of all Facilities, the minimum extraction capacity shall be a pro rata portion of the extraction capacity based on the Facilities then completed.

3. Submission of Plans, Schedule and Budget

On or before September 1, 2004, IEUA shall deliver to Metropolitan the engineering and construction plans and specifications (the "Plans"), a construction schedule (the "Schedule") and a construction budget (the "Budget") for the Facilities. At a minimum:

- a. The Plans shall describe in reasonable detail the construction and design of the Facilities, and shall conform to any requirements of DWR;
- b. The Schedule shall state the date of construction commencement, the anticipated completion date (which shall occur no later than March 8, 2008,), key milestone dates in the interim (each a "Milestone Date") including timing of discrete program elements ("Discrete Program Elements") and major tasks ("Tasks") within them; and
- c. The Budget shall contain an itemized summary of Program costs including costs of the contractors, consultants, and other service providers, and all materials anticipated to be purchased in connection with the Program. For the purpose of Metropolitan's payment of invoices from Program Funds ("Invoice") pursuant to Section V(D), the Budget shall be divided into phases corresponding to the Milestone Dates, Discrete Program Elements and Tasks set forth in the Schedule.

4. Review and Approval of Schedule and Budget

- a. Metropolitan shall review and approve or disapprove, by written notice to IEUA, the Schedule and Budget for the Facilities within ten (10) business days after Metropolitan's receipt thereof (once so approved, the "Approved Budget" and the "Approved Schedule"). If Metropolitan has not acted on the schedule or budget within ten (10)

business days after Metropolitan's receipt, the schedule or budget shall be deemed approved.

- b. For all Facilities funded in whole or part with Prop. 13 funds, all Metropolitan approvals shall be conditional upon DWR approvals. IEUA acknowledges and agrees that Metropolitan intends to submit the Schedule and Budget to the DWR for its review and approval, and Metropolitan shall disapprove the Schedule and/or Budget upon DWR's disapproval of the Schedule and/or Budget.
- c. If Metropolitan (or DWR, if applicable) disapproves of the Schedule and/or Budget, Metropolitan shall specify the reasons for the disapproval in its disapproval notice to IEUA. Metropolitan shall thereafter promptly meet with IEUA to correct any deficiencies to the Schedule and/or Budget such that the Schedule and Budget are reasonably acceptable to Metropolitan, DWR (if applicable) and IEUA.
- d. Notwithstanding any requirements of DWR as noted in clause (b) above, or any other terms or conditions set forth herein, neither DWR nor Metropolitan shall have any responsibility for reviewing or approving the Plans, and IEUA assumes all responsibility for the proper design, planning, and specifications of the Facilities.
- e. IEUA, may, as warranted, update the Approved Schedule and Approved Budget for the Facilities to reflect changes as necessary. However, under no condition may the Completion Date exceed March 8, 2008, or the total budget exceed the specified amount allocated as Program Funds unless such overages shall be the responsibility of IEUA. Review and approval of the proposed update shall follow the above procedure.

B. Construction

1. Contracting

IEUA shall retain, or cause to be retained through agreements with the Operating Parties, qualified contractor(s) and consultants to design and construct the Facilities. All contracts let for project construction shall be let by competitive bid procedures that assure award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, except as may be otherwise authorized under the enabling authority for IEUA and/or the California Public Contract Code.

2. Construction Supervision and Responsibility

- a. *Diligent Prosecution of Facility Construction.* IEUA agrees to faithfully and diligently complete, or cause to be completed, the construction of the Facilities in accordance with the Plans, Approved Budget and Approved Schedule.
- b. *Supervision.* As among Metropolitan, IEUA, TVMWD, and the Watermaster, IEUA shall be responsible for all work in connection with the construction of the Facilities and for persons engaged in the performance of such work.
- c. *Compliance with Laws.* IEUA shall ensure that all construction in connection with the Program complies with any applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, environmental, procurement and safety laws, rules, regulations and ordinance.
- d. *Contracting Disputes.* IEUA shall be responsible for any and all disputes arising out of its contracts for work on the Program, including, without limitation, any bid disputes and payment disputes with contractors or subcontractors. Metropolitan will not mediate disputes between IEUA, TVMWD, their Operating Parties and any other entity in connection herewith.

3. Inspection Right

During reasonable business hours, Metropolitan and/or the DWR, with respect to Facilities funded with Prop. 13 Funds (and any of their designated representatives or agents), may enter upon the Program site and inspect the on-going and/or completed construction activities. Metropolitan agrees to exercise commercially reasonable efforts to deliver advance written notice to IEUA of any such visit to the Program site (it being acknowledged, however, by IEUA that the DWR may inspect the Program site at any and all reasonable times without prior notice pursuant to the terms of the DWR Funding Letter).

4. Completion of Construction

- a. *Completion Date.* IEUA shall assure that Completion of the Facilities occurs not later than March 8, 2008. "Completion" means (x) performance of the construction in a good and workmanlike manner, free and clear of mechanics', materialmen's and other liens or security interests, claims or encumbrances relating to such construction, subject only to completion of punch list items which do not materially interfere with the use or

functionality of the Facilities, and (y) the payment of all costs to the persons entitled thereto less retainage or reserves for punch list items.

- b. *Completion Notification and Certification.* IEUA shall notify Metropolitan within ten business days after Completion of Facilities by each Operating Party. Such notification shall include a certification from the IEUA, the general contractor (if applicable) and a California Registered Civil Engineer affirming Completion and that the Facilities: (i) are as described in Exhibit H; (ii) have been constructed substantially in accordance with the Plans; (iii) have been adequately tested and meet the Operational Capacity Thresholds; and (iv) are otherwise sufficient to achieve the goals of the Program (as stated in Exhibit H).

5. Ownership of Project

Metropolitan will have no ownership interest in the Facilities. The Operating Parties shall have sole ownership and control of the Facilities, and the real property interests in connection therewith, subject to the rights and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement.

V. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION FUNDING (NOT INCLUDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE/ENERGY COST FUNDING)

A. Metropolitan Funding Obligation

1. After the Funding Obligation Date, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section V(C) below, Metropolitan hereby agrees to fund the payment of eligible costs for constructing the Facilities in accordance with the Approved Budget (the “**Program Construction Costs**”) in an amount not to exceed \$27.5 million, inclusive of design and construction of Facilities and the costs to comply with CEQA. Of these Program Construction Costs, \$9 million is being funded by Prop 13 Funds.

B. Cost Overruns

1. IEUA agrees to pay, and Metropolitan shall have no liability for, any costs of constructing the Facilities in excess of the amounts set forth in the applicable Approved Budget (on line-item and aggregate bases); provided, however, that upon written request from IEUA, Metropolitan shall approve, conditional upon DWR approval, reallocation of any demonstrated costs savings from one line-item of the Approved Budget to

another line item in order to cover any cost overruns for the \$9 million funded by Prop. 13 Funds for specific Program facilities.

2. Should bids for construction of the Program Facilities exceed the Approved Budget by more than 5%, IEUA may review such cost increase with Metropolitan to determine the appropriate way to proceed with the Program. Metropolitan and IEUA may mutually agree to a cost share, a change in scope of the Program, or to discontinue the Program.
3. IEUA agrees to reimburse Metropolitan for any of its costs intended to be reimbursed with Prop. 13 Funds that are disapproved by DWR, within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice from Metropolitan for such reimbursement. IEUA agrees to pay interest computed at an annual rate equal to that earned by Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF) rate as provided for in Government Code Sections 16480 et seq., calculated monthly, on any outstanding amounts so invoiced by Metropolitan, beginning thirty days after the date such invoice is received until paid.

C. Disbursement Protocol

1. Invoice Payment.

Commencing on the Funding Obligation Date, and continuing not more often than monthly thereafter, IEUA may submit for Metropolitan's consideration and payment from the Program Funds an Invoice for costs incurred. Each Invoice shall set forth in reasonable detail those Program Construction Costs that have been incurred since submittal of the prior Invoice and shall reference Discrete Program Elements and Tasks as outlined in the Approved Budget and Schedule. Each Invoice shall be accompanied by a Progress Report pursuant to Section X (B)(1). Work accomplished on each Discrete Program Element shall be briefly described, and the percent complete shall be presented with the percent and actual amounts expended to date on each Discrete Program Element. Metropolitan shall review and approve or disapprove (in part or whole) the Invoice and provide payment of Program Funds to IEUA for all approved portions of the Invoice within 30 days of receipt. If Metropolitan disapproves any portion of an Invoice, it shall state its reasons for such disapproval in writing and cooperate in good faith with IEUA, to promptly achieve a mutually acceptable revision to the disallowed portion of the Invoice. Metropolitan agrees to pay interest at the rate and in the manner specified in Section V(B)(2) on approved portions of invoices paid more than thirty (30) days after receipt of such invoice by Metropolitan.

2. Certification of Expenditures

With each Invoice submitted for Program Construction Costs, IEUA shall also provide its written certification and a written certification from the general contractor, if any, affirming that invoiced amounts were utilized exclusively for construction of the Facilities in accordance with the Plans and Approved Budget. Such certification shall be accompanied by evidence of payment for services and/or materials delivered in connection with the construction of the Facilities.

3. Disbursement of Program Funds

Upon Metropolitan's payment of Program Funds pursuant to an Invoice, Metropolitan shall have fulfilled its obligation with respect to such payment, and shall have no obligations to ensure disbursement to the appropriate Party(ies) entitled thereto.

VI. OPERATING COMMITTEE

A. Operating Committee

1. Composition of Committee.

A committee (the "Operating Committee") shall be established for the specific purposes specified herein. The Operating Committee shall have five members, two representatives from Metropolitan and three representatives chosen by IEUA, TVMWD, and Watermaster in any manner determined by IEUA, TVMWD, and Watermaster. The local agencies listed in Exhibit H may also attend meetings of the Operating Committee. With respect to any matter on which the Operating Committee cannot reach unanimous agreement, the Operating Committee shall submit such matter for determination by a consultant and/or arbitration panel in accordance with Section XIII(A).

2. Meeting of Operating Committee

The Operating Committee shall meet:

- a. as reasonably often as necessary to implement operations and take other needed action pursuant to this Agreement. Such tasks will include preparation of Operating Committee's certification to Watermaster regarding monthly storage achieved utilizing methodology specified in Exhibit F (Accounting Methodology).
- b. within thirty days after the execution of this Agreement; and thereafter at least sixty days prior to the end of each fiscal year

(which fiscal year shall run from July 1 through June 30) to develop Program Annual Operating Plan for the subsequent year and to review need for adjustments to Electrical Costs and Operation and Maintenance Costs; and

- c. by August 31 of each year review prior fiscal year performance for storage and/or extraction in conformance with the Annual Operating Plan and Exhibit G, Performance Criteria; and for assessment of per-acre-foot Electrical Costs and Operation and Maintenance Costs to be paid by Metropolitan.

3. Annual Operating Plan

- a. The Annual Operating Plan shall provide an estimated schedule and location for all storage and extraction under this Agreement and in conformance with Exhibit G (Performance Criteria) on a monthly basis for the upcoming fiscal year and documentation of adequate available capacity with respect to the Program Facilities capacity to accommodate Metropolitan's rights pursuant to Section VII hereof. Initial operation of the Metropolitan Storage Account prior to completion of Facilities funded under this Agreement shall be accomplished under the Annual Operating Plan. Until all Facilities are completed, partial performance shall be pro rata according to the proportion of Facilities listed in Exhibit H which are then complete.
- b. The Annual Operating Plan shall provide sufficient information to allow the Operating Committee and Watermaster to assess potential impacts from the Program on the Chino Basin and the Judgment Parties, such as : (1) current and projected water levels in the basin; and (2) short-term and long-term projections of Chino Basin water supply and water quality. The Operating Committee and the Watermaster may request additional information from the Operating Parties.
- c. Consistent with Section VIII(A) below, the Annual Operating Plan shall not limit Metropolitan's ability to modify its call for extraction or storage of water upon fifteen (15) days advance notice as provided in Sections VII(A) and VII(C). Watermaster reserves the right to approve the location and amount of storage and extraction pursuant to this Agreement, in accordance with the Judgment, OBMP and its policies applicable to the Judgment Parties.
- d. Storage and extraction operations under this Agreement shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Annual Operating Plan as

adopted or as amended to accommodate changed circumstances or new information. The Annual Operating Plan may be amended: (1) at the request of a member of the Operating Committee and with the concurrence of the Operating Committee and approval of the Watermaster (2) as a requirement of the Watermaster in the implementation of the Judgment and OBMP with specific adjustments proposed by consensus of the Operating Committee and approved by the Watermaster.

4. Specific Duties

Without limiting the foregoing, the Operating Committee shall:

- a. Properly account for the amounts of all water stored and extracted and submit a report of these amounts achieved for the Metropolitan Storage Account to Watermaster and Metropolitan on a monthly basis but not more than two months in arrears. At the end of the fiscal year, an annual reconciliation shall be performed of storage and extraction, and any adjustments to the monthly submittals shall be submitted to the Watermaster and to Metropolitan in a timely manner for consideration in the preparation of the Watermaster's annual assessment package.
- b. Within two months following formal issuance of Watermaster's annual report, perform an annual reconciliation of Metropolitan and IEUA's and TVMWD's records with Watermaster's annual report and Metropolitan's water billing inclusive of credits for the Operation and Maintenance Costs and Electrical Costs, and prepare any needed paperwork for adjustments to the billing.
- c. Consistent with Section VIII(A) below, confirm that sufficient excess operable production capacity was maintained for the conjunctive use Program during the prior year, unless different criteria are agreed upon by the Operating Committee.
- d. Prepare and deliver to the Parties, on or before September 1 of each year, a written annual report outlining the Program Annual Operating Plan for the subsequent year, and the Operating Committee's actions during the prior year (the "**Operating Committee Annual Report**").
- e. Every five years, commencing upon the Completion Date, the Operating Committee shall review the maintenance charge set forth in Section VI(D)(1) of this Agreement. To such end, the Operating Committee shall conduct a survey of operation and maintenance costs with respect to facilities within the Program

Basin and which are comparable to the Facilities. Based on such survey and other information the Operating Committee deems relevant, the Operating Committee shall approve a new Operation and Maintenance Cost for the next five-year period.

- f. Every year commencing upon Completion Date, determine the electrical power unit rates(s) (dollars per AF of Stored Water Deliveries) for the respective Operating Party(ies) to extract water. The electrical power cost to extract Program Water (the "Electrical Costs") shall be equal to Stored Water Deliveries (as defined in Section VII(C) below) for the applicable period multiplied by the applicable electrical power unit rate(s) for the Operating Party(ies) that extracted the water. The Operating Committee shall ensure that the electrical power unit rate per acre-foot of extracted water calculated for each Operating Party is reflective of actual energy costs.

B. IEUA and TVMWD Obligations

Subject to Section VI(C), IEUA and TVMWD hereby agree to do, or to cause through agreements with the Operating Parties in their respective service areas, the following:

1. Cause the Facilities to be operated and maintained in a good and efficient condition as upon their construction, ordinary and reasonable wear and depreciation excepted, and otherwise in accordance with industry standards (and DWR standards and requirements, if any);
2. Provide for all repairs, renewals, and replacements necessary to the efficient operation of the Facilities;
3. To the extent existing facilities are utilized for the Program, provide for all repairs, renewals, and replacements necessary to the efficient operation of such existing facilities;
4. Certify the amount of water in the Metropolitan Storage Account pursuant to the Operating Committee accounting; and
5. Upon call by Metropolitan for Stored Water Delivery, operate Facilities, combined with the existing infrastructure, at Operational Capacity Thresholds necessary to meet performance targets as outlined in Exhibit G.

C. Watermaster Obligations

Watermaster hereby agrees to:

1. Maintain records of the amounts of all water stored in and extracted from the Chino Basin pursuant to this Agreement and consistent with the Judgment and Rules and Regulations, and provide to Metropolitan an amount specified in an account to be designated as the **Metropolitan Storage Account**. Watermaster will maintain a monthly statement regarding the account as information becomes available and will document in its annual report all water stored in and withdrawn from the Metropolitan Storage Account. Watermaster shall account for Metropolitan stored water as follows:
 - a. The amount of any water stored in the Chino Basin on behalf of Metropolitan prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be credited to the Metropolitan Storage Account on the Effective Date pursuant to the procedure set forth in Exhibit E.
 - b. Watermaster shall credit water which Metropolitan delivers for storage to the Metropolitan Storage Account on an acre-foot for acre-foot basis, less any losses assessed.
 - c. Losses assessed by Watermaster against the Metropolitan Storage Account will be equivalent to losses assessed Judgment parties for participation in the Storage and Recovery Program.
 - d. Watermaster shall debit the Metropolitan Storage Account one acre-foot for each acre-foot of water produced from the account. Watermaster accounting for water produced from the Metropolitan Storage Account shall specify quantities produced by each Operating Party.
 - e. Watermaster shall obtain from Operating Committee on a monthly basis its report of the amount of storage achieved using the methodology specified in Section VII(B) and Exhibit F of this Agreement.
2. Report the total active and inactive annual extraction capacity of the Operating Parties in the Watermaster's annual report.

D. Metropolitan Obligations

In accordance with the procedures set forth in clause (E) below, Metropolitan hereby agrees to:

1. Pay costs of operating and maintaining the Facilities at the unit rate (dollars per AF of Stored Water Deliveries) determined by the Operating Committee for the Operating Party(ies) that extracted water as adjusted when and as required by Section VI(A)(4)(e) (the "**Operation and**

Maintenance Costs”). Operation and Maintenance Costs will include a dollar per AF amount for each AF produced by an Operating Party from Metropolitan’s Storage Account through the funded ion exchange facilities equal to the Operating Party’s variable costs of treating Metropolitan’s State Water Project surface deliveries (expressed as dollar per AF of treating such water). Such variable costs shall exclude capital, debt service, or replacement costs and include only variable operating and maintenance costs at the Water Facilities Authority Treatment Plant, CCWD Lloyd Michael Filtration Plant, or the Miramar Treatment Plant. The dollar per AF cost shall be calculated by dividing the variable costs by the quantity of water produced by the treatment plants. The dollar per acre-foot shall be determined by the Operating Committee pursuant to Section VI(A)(4)(e);

2. Pay the Electrical Costs as determined in Section VI(A)(4)(f) to extract water from the basin, if any, equal to **Stored Water Deliveries** (as defined in Section VI(C) below) for the applicable period for the Operating Party(ies) that extracted the water; and
3. From and after the first full year in which water is stored in the Program Basin on Metropolitan’s behalf, and on or prior to July 1 of each subsequent year, pay an administrative fee in an annual amount of \$132,000 to the Watermaster (as such amount is adjusted on each anniversary of the execution of this Agreement by the lesser of 2.5% or the Retail Consumer Price Index for the City of Los Angeles published by the Engineering News Record), for the incremental costs and expenses of administering the Program during such year. Such administrative fee is subject to adjustment from time to time as approved by the Operating Committee.

E. Payment of Operation and Maintenance Costs and Electrical Costs

1. Amounts owing by Metropolitan pursuant to Section VI(D) for **Operation and Maintenance Costs and Electrical Costs** shall be paid through a credit to Metropolitan’s monthly invoice for the Stored Water Delivery to TVMWD or IEUA, as applicable, pursuant to Section VII(D). Upon the credit to Metropolitan’s invoice for the Operation and Maintenance Costs and Electrical Costs, Metropolitan will have satisfied its funding obligations with respect thereto.

F. Annual Reconciliation

1. Reconciliation of Metropolitan Storage Account and Costs.

As noted in Section VI(A)(4)(a) above, the Operating Committee will conduct an annual reconciliation of the prior year’s credits and debits to

the Metropolitan Storage Account. If such reconciliation reveals that the actual amount of water delivered by Metropolitan for storage pursuant to Section VII(A)(1), or the actual amount of Stored Water Deliveries, as defined in Section VII(C) below, during the prior year were not accurately accounted for, then the Operating Committee shall reflect this in its year-end assessment of storage and extraction provided to the Watermaster. The Watermaster shall determine the manner in which any credits or debits to the Metropolitan Storage Account shall be made.

The Operating Committee shall complete its reporting and processing of any prior year adjustments to the Metropolitan water invoice within two months of the formal issuance of the Watermaster's annual report, as provided in Section VI(A)(4)(b).

VII. GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND EXTRACTION

A. Metropolitan's Storage Account Rights

1. During any fiscal year of the term of this Agreement, Metropolitan may deliver up to 25,000 AF of Program Water for storage in the Program Basin with an equivalent amount to be accounted for in the Metropolitan Storage Account pursuant hereto; provided, however, that total Program Water stored on behalf of Metropolitan in the Program Basin, pursuant to this Agreement, shall never exceed the Maximum Storage Amount unless approved by the Watermaster. Deliveries shall be subject to the prior approval of the Watermaster pursuant to the policies described in subsection 5 below. Metropolitan shall not be obligated to pay any fees associated with basin utilization.
2. Metropolitan may make such deliveries to IEUA or TVMWD on fifteen (15) days advance notice to such Party and Watermaster. Watermaster will credit the Metropolitan Storage Account by the amount of Program Water delivered to IEUA or TVMWD.
3. Upon notification by Metropolitan pursuant to Section VII(A)(2), IEUA or TVMWD and Watermaster may either: (a) directly store the amount of any such delivery of Program Water in the Chino Basin (e.g., by injection or spreading); or (b) store the amount of any such delivery of Program Water in the Chino Basin by in lieu storage, i.e., by reducing pumping from the Chino Basin by the amount of such delivery.
4. The quantity of Program Water delivered to the Metropolitan Storage Account in any given month shall be determined in accordance with the accounting methodology set forth in Exhibit F.

5. The Watermaster's Storage and Recovery Policies shall be applied to Program Water stored under this Agreement in a non-discriminatory manner consistent with the application of such policies to any other participant in the Storage and Recovery Program, including all parties to the Judgment. Furthermore, the Watermaster shall not impose any policies upon the Program Water, whether or not imposed on other parties, that would materially alter the benefits provided to or the obligations imposed upon Metropolitan under this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, the Watermaster shall not impose any policies that would create any significant discrepancies between the amount of Program Water delivered by Metropolitan for storage in the Program Basin and the amount of Program Water that Metropolitan is entitled to extract from such basin pursuant to this Agreement.

B. Certification of Deliveries to Metropolitan Water Account

1. Metropolitan shall deliver available Program Water to IEUA or TVMWD at the appropriate service connection for storage in the Metropolitan Storage Account consistent with the Annual Operating Plan. In any month where imported water is delivered to the Chino Basin through a Metropolitan service connection, the Party receiving Program Water shall certify the facts concerning the quantities of such deliveries to Metropolitan and Watermaster in writing or electronically in a format satisfactory to Metropolitan by a responsible officer of such Party.
2. Metropolitan will credit the appropriate IEUA or TVMWD invoice at the applicable rate for each acre-foot of water certified by such Party for that service connection.
3. Certifications of Program Water for a given billing period must be received by Metropolitan before 3:30 p.m. on the third working day after the end of the month to receive credit on the bill for that billing period or any preceding billing period.
4. No certification received after six months following the end of any month in which a credit for Program Water is claimed will be accepted.

C. Extraction of Stored Water

1. In lieu of providing all or some of its regular surface water deliveries to IEUA or TVMWD, Metropolitan may, on fifteen (15) days advance notice, deliver water to such Party on the first of the following month by requesting such Party to debit the Metropolitan Water Account (each such delivery being a "Stored Water Delivery"); provided, however, that unless permitted by Watermaster, such Stored Water Deliveries shall not, in any fiscal year exceed the lesser of (a) 33% of the Maximum Storage

Amount or (b) the amount then remaining in the Metropolitan Storage Account. Metropolitan's regular surface water deliveries to IEUA and TVMWD will be reduced by the amount of such Stored Water Delivery. During an emergency or unforeseen operational condition, IEUA and TVMWD will use their best efforts in responding to Metropolitan's request for a Stored Water Delivery.

2. IEUA and TVMWD, as applicable, shall pump the amount of the Stored Water Delivery from the Chino Basin in lieu of receiving its regular surface water deliveries in accordance with specific direction from the Watermaster.
3. IEUA and TVMWD shall have twelve months to comply with Metropolitan's extraction request in accordance with the performance criteria described in Exhibit "G" to this Agreement.

D. Payment for Extraction of Stored Water

Upon call by Metropolitan for Stored Water Delivery, Metropolitan shall invoice IEUA or TVMWD for the amount reported as extracted by the Operating Committee pursuant to Section VI(A)(4)(a), and such Party shall pay to Metropolitan the then applicable full-service rate (or its equivalent, as determined by Metropolitan in its reasonable discretion) as if such Stored Water Deliveries were surface water deliveries through its service connection. The invoice from Metropolitan shall include credits for the Operation and Maintenance Costs and the Electrical Costs associated with the Stored Water Delivery. Where prior storage accounts are credited to the Metropolitan Water Account pursuant to Section VI(C)(1)(a), this water shall constitute the Stored Water Delivery prior to any water credited to the Metropolitan Water Account after the Effective Date, and shall be paid for at the appropriate rate indicated in Exhibit E.

VIII. OTHER USES OF FACILITIES

A. Allowed Use

IEUA and TVMWD may use Program Facilities for purposes unrelated to the Program so long as such use does not interfere with the Program and the excess operable production capacity is maintained as necessary for performance under this Program, unless monthly operable production capacity on other than a monthly basis is agreed to by the Operating Committee.

- B.** IEUA and Watermaster shall certify to the Operating Committee that there will exist at all times excess operable production capacity in the Chino Basin of at least an annual extraction of 33,000AF or 33% of Maximum Storage Amount for performance under this conjunctive use Program.

IX. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS OF PARTIES

A. Of MEUA and TVMWD

MEUA and TVMWD respectively represent, warrant and covenant as follows:

1. Power and Authority

That it is a municipal water district, duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California; that it has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder on the terms set forth in this Agreement, and that the execution and delivery hereof by it and the performance of its obligations hereunder will not violate or constitute an event of default under the terms or provisions of any agreement, document or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound.

2. Authorization; Valid Obligation

That all proceedings required to be taken by or on behalf of such Party to authorize it to make, deliver and carry out the terms of this Agreement have been duly and properly taken, and that this Agreement is its valid and binding obligation enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the same may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws or by legal or equitable principles relating to or limiting the rights of contracting parties generally.

3. No Litigation

To the best of its knowledge, there is no litigation, proceeding or investigation pending or threatened, to which it is or would be a party, or which does or would bind or relate to the Program Basin, directly or indirectly, which, individually or in the aggregate, if adversely determined, might materially and adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or which raises a question as to the validity of this Agreement, or any action to be taken hereunder.

4. Compliance with Laws

In the performance of its obligations hereunder, such Party and its contractors and subcontractors will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and ordinances, including, without limitation:

- a. the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Section 12900 et seq.), and the regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285.0 et seq.);
- b. Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Government Code, Sections 11135-11139.5) and the regulations or standards adopted by the DWR relating thereto;
- c. the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code, Section 12990, and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 8103;
- d. Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, requiring every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and such Party affirms that it will comply with such provisions before commencing the construction of the Facilities and will exercise best efforts to make the its contractors and subcontractors aware of this provision;
- e. the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code 8350 et seq.) and have or will provide a drug-free workplace; and
- f. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

Such party and its contractors and subcontractors will give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. Such Party and its contractors will include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all contracts and subcontracts let for the construction of the Facilities.

5. Compliance with DWR Requirements

The Plans comply with any DWR requirements, including any requirements set forth in the DWR Funding Letter. During the performance of its obligations herein, such Party will comply with any DWR requirements, including any requirements set forth in the DWR Funding Letter.

6. No Construction

That construction of the Facilities and related work (including planning activities) did not commence prior to the Effective Date.

7. Capacity

Such Party and its contractors, subcontractors and their respective agents will at all times act in an independent capacity and not purport to act as, or represent to others that they are, officers, employees, representatives or agents of Metropolitan, DWR or the State of California.

8. Oversight and Supervision of Construction

Such Party will oversee and supervise all contractors and keep control of all work and provisions of services and materials in connection with the Program.

9. Maintain Ownership of Program Property

Such Party will not sell, abandon, lease, transfer, exchange, mortgage, hypothecate or encumber in any manner whatsoever all or any portion of any real or other property necessarily connected or used in conjunction with the Program.

10. Protection of Others' Rights

Such Party will fully protect and preserve the rights of overlying landowners, other groundwater users or water rights holders, parties whose approval is required by any judgment in an adjudicated basin, and all groundwater management agencies or other applicable regulatory agencies, and will take the necessary actions (including groundwater monitoring and mitigation and/or limiting extraction of groundwater) to protect such rights.

B. Of Watermaster

Watermaster and its contractors, subcontractors and their respective agents will at all times act in an independent capacity and not purport to act as, or represent to others that they are, officers, employees, representatives or agents of Metropolitan, DWR or the State of California. Watermaster represents, warrants and covenants as follows:

1. Power and Authority

That Watermaster is a court-appointed entity created through the Judgement, duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State

of California; that it has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder on the terms set forth in this Agreement, and that the execution and delivery hereof by Watermaster and the performance by Watermaster of Watermaster's obligations hereunder will not violate or constitute an event of default under the terms or provisions of any agreement, document or instrument to which Watermaster is a party or by which Watermaster is bound.

2. Authorization; Valid Obligation

That all proceedings required to be taken by or on behalf of Watermaster to authorize it to make, deliver and carry out the terms of this Agreement have been duly and properly taken, and that this Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of Watermaster enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the same may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws or by legal or equitable principles relating to or limiting the rights of contracting parties generally.

3. No Litigation

To the best of Watermaster's knowledge, there is no litigation, proceeding or investigation pending or threatened, to which Watermaster is or would be a party, or which does or would bind or relate to the Chino Basin, directly or indirectly, which, individually or in the aggregate, if adversely determined, might materially and adversely affect the ability of Watermaster to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or which raises a question as to the validity of this Agreement, or any action to be taken hereunder.

4. Compliance with Laws

In the performance of its obligations hereunder, Watermaster will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and ordinances, including, without limitation:

- a. the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Section 12900 et seq.), and the regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285.0 et seq.);
- b. Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Government Code, Sections 11135-11139.5) and the regulations or standards adopted by the DWR relating thereto;

- c. the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code, Section 12990, and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 8103;
- d. Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, requiring every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and Watermaster affirms that it will comply with such provisions before commencing the construction of the Facilities and will exercise best efforts to make the its contractors and subcontractors aware of this provision;
- e. the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code 8350 et seq.) and have or will provide a drug-free workplace; and
- f. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

Watermaster will give written notice of its obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement.

5. Compliance with DWR Funding Letter

During the performance of its obligations herein, Watermaster will comply with the terms and provisions of the DWR Funding Letter (Exhibit A), as applicable.

6. Capacity

Watermaster and its contractors, subcontractors and their respective agents will at all times act in an independent capacity and not purport to act as, or represent to others that they are, officers, employees, representatives or agents of Metropolitan, DWR or the State of California.

C. Of Metropolitan

Metropolitan represents, warrants and covenants as follows:

1. Power and Authority

That Metropolitan is a public agency and quasi-municipal corporation, duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California; that it has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder on the terms set forth

in this Agreement, and that the execution and delivery hereof by Metropolitan and the performance by Metropolitan of Metropolitan's obligations hereunder will not violate or constitute an event of default under the terms or provisions of any agreement, document or instrument to which Metropolitan is a party or by which Metropolitan is bound.

2. Authorization; Valid Obligation

That all proceedings required to be taken by or on behalf of Metropolitan to authorize it to make, deliver and carry out the terms of this Agreement have been duly and properly taken, and that this Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of Metropolitan enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the same may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws or by legal or equitable principles relating to or limiting the rights of contracting parties generally.

3. No Litigation

To the best of Metropolitan's knowledge, there is no litigation, proceeding or investigation pending or threatened, to which Metropolitan is or would be a party, directly or indirectly, which, individually or in the aggregate, if adversely determined, might materially and adversely affect the ability of Metropolitan to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or which raises a question as to the validity of this Agreement, or any action to be taken hereunder.

X. RECORD KEEPING, REPORTING, INSPECTION AND AUDIT

A. Record Keeping

1. IEUA shall maintain audit and accounting procedures and written accounts with respect to the Program that are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices, consistently applied. IEUA shall keep complete and accurate records of all receipts, disbursements, and interest earned on expenditures of Program Funds.
2. IEUA and its respective contractors and subcontractors shall maintain copies of all contracts, agreements, and other documents relating to the Program for a minimum of three years following Program completion.
3. IEUA and TVMWD shall keep on file, for the useful life of the Facilities, as-built plans and the specifications of the Facilities. Such documents shall be made available for inspection by the State, Metropolitan, and upon reasonable notice.

4. IEUA shall require its contractors and subcontractors to maintain books, records, and other documents pertinent to their work in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices, consistently applied.

B. Reporting

1. Construction Progress Reports

During construction of the Facilities, a monthly progress report shall accompany each Invoice submitted by IEUA to Metropolitan (each a "Progress Report"), certified by a designated official of such Party, providing in reasonable detail, a description of (a) the work accomplished during the invoice period and the percent complete on each Discrete Program Element (b) and the amount of Program Construction Funds expended on each Discrete Program Element and Tasks, the purposes of those expenditures, the total amount expended and remaining of the budget for that Discrete Program Element. In the absence of a monthly Invoice, IEUA shall deliver the Progress Report detailing progress and expenditures for the month, and reporting on status of construction activities within 30-days after the month.

2. O&M Reports

Commencing on the first day of the month which is ninety days following the Completion Date, and unless otherwise determined by the Operating Committee, on a semi-annual basis thereafter throughout the term of this Agreement, IEUA and TVMWD shall deliver to Metropolitan and the Operating Committee a report (an "O&M Report") summarizing the operational and maintenance activities conducted in connection with the Program during the prior period.

C. Inspection

Metropolitan and the DWR may inspect the aforementioned books, records and any other Program-related information at any time, upon reasonable advance notice to IEUA or TVMWD, as applicable.

D. Audit Rights and Obligations

1. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7, IEUA and its contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to the examination and audit by the State Auditor for a period of three years after Program completion. IEUA agrees that, IEUA and its contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to examination and audit by Metropolitan and DWR for such period.

2. Within thirty days after the Completion of a Program Facility, IEUA shall, at its expense, cause an audit of all Program Construction Costs and expenses with respect to such Facility to be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and deliver to Metropolitan a report prepared by such accountant in connection therewith.

XI. INDEMNITY

A. General Indemnity

Each Party hereto shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party and its elected officials, officers and employees from and against any and all lawsuits, actions, causes of action, claims and damages and any and all court costs and attorneys' fees related thereto ("**Claims**"), in any way arising out of or connected with the performance or nonperformance of the indemnifying Party's duties or the discharge of or failure to discharge that Party's obligations hereunder to the maximum extent permitted by law.

B. IEUA Specific Indemnity

Without limiting the foregoing indemnity, IEUA hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless TVMWD, Metropolitan and Watermaster, their elected officials, officers and employees from and against any and all Claims, in any way arising out of or connected with the Program, including any Claims by DWR or any other branch, agency or department of the State of California in connection with the Program (except for a breach of the DWR Funding Letter attributable to Metropolitan) or breach of its obligations hereunder, or otherwise to the extent of such Party's responsibility hereunder or to the extent that such Party caused or exacerbated such or other Claim(s).

C. TVMWD Specific Indemnity

Without limiting the foregoing indemnity, TVMWD hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless IEUA, Metropolitan and Watermaster, their elected officials, officers and employees from and against any and all Claims, in any way arising out of or connected with the Program, including any Claims by DWR or any other branch, agency or department of the State of California in connection with the Program (except for a breach of the DWR Funding Letter attributable to Metropolitan) or breach of its obligations hereunder, or otherwise to the extent of such Party's responsibility hereunder or to the extent that such Party caused or exacerbated such or other Claim(s).

D. Watermaster Specific Indemnity

Without limiting the indemnity in clause(A) above, Watermaster hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Metropolitan and IEUA and TVMWD, and

their elected officials, officers and employees from and against any and all Claims, in any way arising out of or connected with the Program, including any Claims by DWR or any other branch, agency or department of the State of California in connection with the Program (except for a breach of the DWR Funding Letter attributable to Metropolitan or IEUA's and TVMWD's breach of its obligations hereunder), or otherwise to the extent of Watermaster's responsibility hereunder or to the extent that it caused or exacerbated such Claim(s).

E. Metropolitan Specific Indemnity

Without limiting the indemnity in clause (A) above, Metropolitan hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless IEUA and TVMWD and Watermaster, their elected officials, officers and employees from and against any and all Claims arising out of or connected with a failure under or breach of the DWR Funding Letter by Metropolitan, or otherwise to the extent of Metropolitan's responsibility hereunder or to the extent that it caused or exacerbated such or other Claim(s).

XII. INSURANCE

A. General Required Coverages

IEUA and TVMWD through agreement with their respective Operating Parties shall procure, pay for and keep in full force and effect, at all times during the term of this Agreement the following insurance (to the extent not already maintained by IEUA and TVMWD or their respective Operating Parties):

1. Commercial general liability insurance insuring IEUA and TVMWD against liability for personal injury, bodily injury, death and damage to property (including the Facilities) arising from IEUA's and TVMWD's performance under this Agreement. Said insurance shall include coverage in an amount equal to at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), and shall contain "blanket contractual liability" and "broad form property damage" endorsements insuring IEUA's and TVMWD's performance of its obligations to indemnify Metropolitan as set forth herein (the "**CGL Insurance**"); and
2. Pursuant to Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, workers' compensation insurance with employer's liability in the amounts required by any applicable laws (the "**Workers' Compensation Insurance**").
3. IEUA and TVMWD will provide proof of automobile liability insurance as required by the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles.

B. Specific Policy Requirements

Each policy of insurance required to be carried pursuant to this Agreement: (1) shall, except with respect to Worker's Compensation Insurance, name Metropolitan as an additional insured; (2) shall be in a form reasonably satisfactory to Metropolitan; (3) shall be carried with companies reasonably acceptable to Metropolitan; (4) shall provide that such policy shall not be subject to cancellation, lapse or change except after at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Metropolitan, and (5) shall, except with respect to the Environmental Liability Insurance required under clause (D) below, be on an "occurrence" basis and not on a "claims-made" basis.

C. Deductibles/Self-Insurance.

The insurance required by this Section XII may contain deductibles or self-insured retentions. IEUA and TVMWD through agreement with their respective Operating Parties shall be solely responsible for any such deductibles and/or self-insured retentions applicable to the coverages specified in Section XII(A). Metropolitan, at its option, may require IEUA and TVMWD to secure a surety bond or an irrevocable and unconditional letter of credit in order to ensure payment of such deductibles or self-insured retention. Insurance policies that contain deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$25,000 per occurrence shall not be acceptable without the prior approval of Metropolitan.

1. Insurance Certificates.

Metropolitan reserves the right to require certified complete copies of any insurance certificates required by this Agreement but the receipt of such certificates shall not confer responsibility upon Metropolitan as to sufficiency of coverage.

2. Acceptability of Insurers

All insurance required by this Agreement shall be placed with insurers admitted to transact business in the State of California for the applicable class of insurance, as required by §700 of the California Insurance Code. Each insurer shall have a current Best Insurance Guide rating of not less than AVII, unless a lower rating is approved in writing by Metropolitan. Similarly, each self-insurer (including, if applicable, IEUA, TVMWD and/or its Operating Parties) shall have a self-insured liability program that is based upon excess liability policies rated at AVII or higher, unless otherwise approved in writing by Metropolitan.

D. Environmental Liability Insurance

1. If IEUA, TVMWD and Metropolitan agree to procure environmental liability insurance, IEUA and TVMWD shall obtain and Metropolitan shall pay 50% of the cost of the policy of environmental liability insurance that, at a minimum, shall cover: (1) the costs of on-site and off-site clean-up of pollution conditions relating to or arising from the Program (including natural resource damages, changes in water quality regulatory requirements and/or changes in the quality of water in the basin below original water quality readings); and (2) losses resulting from tort claims for bodily injury and property damage resulting from pollution conditions relating to or arising from the Program. Such insurance shall have limits of liability and terms and conditions (including premiums) reasonably approved by Metropolitan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Metropolitan reasonably agrees that, despite IEUA's and TVMWD's good faith and diligent efforts to obtain such environmental liability insurance, the coverage required herein is not available on commercially reasonable terms, IEUA and TVMWD shall obtain the coverage that most closely approximates the coverage required herein that is available on commercially reasonable terms or consider other risk financing alternatives. Metropolitan shall pay 50% of the cost of any such alternative coverage or risk financing alternative selected by IEUA and TVMWD, provided that the terms and conditions (including premiums) have been reasonably approved by Metropolitan.
2. For purposes of this Section XII(B), the "costs" of environmental liability insurance, alternative coverage or risk financing alternatives to be shared by the parties as provided in the prior paragraph shall include (1) insurance premiums and other up-front or periodic costs of coverage; (2) deductibles payable in connection with claims; and (3) any out-of-pocket costs (including court costs, attorneys' fees and other litigation expenses) incurred in connection with enforcement or collection under the policy, alternative coverage or other risk financing alternative.

XIII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION; DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

A. Dispute Resolution

If any dispute arises between or among the Parties regarding interpretation or implementation of this Agreement (or the Operating Committee is unable to reach agreement on a matter being considered by it), the Parties will endeavor to resolve the dispute by using the services of a mutually acceptable consultant. The fees and expenses of the consultant shall be shared equally by the Parties. Except for disputes relating to exercises of Metropolitan discretion pursuant to Sections V(C); VII(A); VII(C); VII(D); XII(A) and XIII(B), if a consultant cannot be agreed upon, or if the consultant's recommendations are not acceptable to all

Parties (or, in the case of the Operating Committee, to the members thereof), and unless the Parties (or members of the Operating Committee) otherwise agree, such dispute shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association in the County of Los Angeles, California. The arbitration panel acting pursuant to said rules may order any legal or equitable relief permitted by California law, including, without limitation, (1) declaratory and injunctive relief, (2) **SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT**, (3) monetary liability, or (4) any other relief (including, without limitation, termination of this Agreement, as set forth in Section XIII(B) below) consistent with the purposes of this Agreement and applicable to the matter. The arbitration panel shall also be empowered to make final and binding determinations with respect to matters before the Operating Committee, where the members of the Committee were unable to reach agreement. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitration panel may be entered and enforced by any court having jurisdiction thereof.

B. Defaults and Remedies

1. Should IEUA or TVMWD, each acting through agreement with its respective Operating Parties, fail to fully perform in the extraction of Program Water from the Metropolitan Water Storage Account in accordance with Exhibit G in response to a call from Metropolitan that has been approved by the Watermaster, and upon a determination by the Operating Committee that full performance could and should have occurred, then Metropolitan shall invoice to IEUA or to TVMWD, as appropriate, water delivered equal to the quantity in acre-feet of non-performance at two times the Tier 2 full service water rate (or its equivalent, as determined by Metropolitan in its reasonable discretion) currently then in effect ("**Nonperformance Penalty**").
2. Should the Operating Committee in its review of incomplete performance, as specified in paragraph B (1) above, determine that unanticipated operational or water quality considerations precluded full performance, the Operating Committee shall not recommend to Metropolitan that the Nonperformance Penalty be assessed. In such case, IEUA or TVMWD, whichever is the responsible Member Agency, shall work with the nonperforming Operating Party to promptly set out a mutually agreeable course of action and schedule to correct the deficiency and present such to the Operating Committee for its concurrence. Future nonperformance outside of the agreed-upon schedule (provided that the Operating Committee has concurred with such schedule) would be subject to the Nonperformance Penalty.

C. Termination

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, upon a breach of any provision of this Agreement by IEUA, TVMWD or Watermaster or any of them, Metropolitan may terminate this Agreement as to the breaching Party, by written notice to IEUA, TVMWD and Watermaster. Upon such termination, the breaching Party shall be required to reimburse Metropolitan for all Program Funds advanced to such Party by Metropolitan pursuant to this Agreement. Further, Metropolitan may require the breaching Party to purchase in equal installments over a 5-year period, at Metropolitan's then applicable full-service rate (or its equivalent, as determined by Metropolitan in its reasonable discretion), the balance of any water then identified in the Metropolitan Water Account. Upon full reimbursement and payment of the amounts required pursuant to this Section XIII(C), this Agreement shall be fully terminated as to the breaching Party.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, upon a breach of any provision of this Agreement by Metropolitan, IEUA and TVMWD may terminate its participation in this Agreement by written notice to Metropolitan. Upon such termination, the terminating Party shall be responsible to purchase in equal installments over a 5 year period, at Metropolitan's then applicable full-service rate (or its equivalent as determined by Metropolitan in its reasonable discretion), the balance of any water then identified in the Metropolitan Storage Account.

D. Remedies Are Cumulative

The rights and remedies of the Parties are cumulative, and the exercise by any Party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same breach or any other breach by the other Party.

XIV. FORCE MAJEURE EVENTS

A. Excuse to Performance

In addition to specific provisions of the Agreement, lack of performance by any Party shall not be deemed to be a breach of this Agreement, where delays or defaults are due to acts of God, or the elements, accident, casualty, labor disturbances, unavailability or delays in delivery of any product, labor, fuel, service or materials, failure or breakdown of equipment, strikes, lockouts, or other labor disturbances, acts of the public enemy, orders or inaction of any kind from the government of the United States, the State of California, or any other governmental, military or civil authority (other than Metropolitan, IEUA, TVMWD or Watermaster), war, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides,

lightning, droughts, floods, fires, earthquakes, arrests, civil disturbances, explosions, freight embargoes, lack of transportation, breakage or accidents to vehicles, or any other inability of any Party, whether similar or dissimilar to those enumerated or otherwise, which are not within the control of the Party claiming such inability or disability, which such Party could not have avoided by exercising due diligence and care and with respect to which such Party shall use all reasonable efforts that are practically available to it in order to correct such condition (such conditions being herein referred to as "Force Majeure Events").

B. Responding to Force Majeure Events

The Parties agree that in the event of a Force Majeure Event which substantially interferes with the implementation of this Agreement, the Parties will use their best efforts to negotiate an interim or permanent modification to this Agreement which responds to the Force Majeure Event and maintains the principles pursuant to which this Agreement was executed.

XV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties pertaining to the matters provided for herein and, except as herein provided, supersedes all prior and/or contemporaneous agreements and understanding, whether written or oral, between the Parties relating to the matters provided for herein.

B. Interpretation

The Parties have participated in the drafting of this Agreement and the Agreement shall not be construed for or against any Party. The language in all parts of this Agreement shall be in all cases construed simply according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against any of the Parties hereto and Section 1654 of the Civil Code has no application to interpretation of this Agreement. In addition, this Agreement shall be construed to the maximum extent possible in conformance with Prop. 13, the DWR Funding Letter, the IRP, the Groundwater Storage Principles, the RFP, and the Proposal. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent this Agreement conflicts with the RFP and/or Proposal, this Agreement shall control.

C. Further Assurances

Each Party, upon the request of the other, agrees to perform such further acts and to execute and deliver such other documents as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this instrument.

D. Counterparts

This Agreement, and any document or instrument entered into, given or made pursuant to this Agreement or authorized hereby, and any amendment or supplement thereto may be executed in two or more counterparts, and by each party on a separate counterpart, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument, with the same force and effect as though all signatures appeared on a single document. Any signature page of this Agreement or of such an amendment, supplement, document or instrument may be detached from any counterpart without impairing the legal effect of any signatures thereon, and may be attached to another counterpart identical in form thereto but having attached to it one or more additional signature pages. In proving this Agreement or any such amendment, supplement, document or instrument, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one counterpart thereof signed by the Party against whom enforcement is sought.

E. Assignment

No Party shall transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part, or any of its interests hereunder, to any other person or entity, without the prior written consent of the other Parties. Any attempt to transfer or assign this Agreement, or any privilege hereunder, without such written consent shall be void and confer no right on any person or entity that is not a Party to this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Parties from subcontracting for the performance of obligations hereunder, provided, however, no such subcontracting shall relieve the Parties from the performance of their respective obligations hereunder.

F. Venue

Any legal actions initiated pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise with respect to its subject matter must be instituted in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California; or in the Federal District Court in the Central District of California.

G. Governing Law; Attorneys Fees and Costs

The laws of the State of California shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement. The non-prevailing party in any claim, suit or other action, including use of the dispute resolution as provided for in Section XIII(A), brought by such party shall pay to the prevailing party the costs of such prevailing party's attorneys fees and expenses and all other costs and expenses incurred by the prevailing party in defense of such action.

H. Notice

Formal written notices, demands, correspondence and communications between the Parties authorized by this Agreement shall be sufficiently given if personally served or dispatched by registered or certified mail, first-class, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the Parties as follows:

To IEUA: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
General Manager
P.O. Box 697
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729

To TVMWD: Three Valleys Municipal Water District
General Manager
1021 E. Miramar Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711

To Watermaster: Chino Basin Watermaster
Chief Executive Officer
8632 Archibald Avenue, Suite 109
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

To Metropolitan: The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
Chief Executive Officer
700 No. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Such written notices, demands, correspondence and communications may be sent in the same manner to such other persons and addresses as either Party may, from time to time, reasonably designate by mail as provided in this Section. Notice shall be deemed given when received by mail or when personally served.

I. Successors

This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Parties, and their respective successors and assigns.

J. Severability

Should any provisions of this Agreement prove to be invalid or illegal, such invalidity or illegality shall in no way affect, impair or invalidate any other provisions hereof, and such remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect; provided, however, if the illegality or invalidity of any provision

undermines the intent of the Parties, then the Parties shall attempt in good faith to amend the agreement in order to fulfill the intent of the Parties. If the Parties are unable to so amend the Agreement, then the Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect.

K. Time is of the Essence

Time is of the essence with respect to the performance of every provision of this Agreement in which time of performance is a factor.

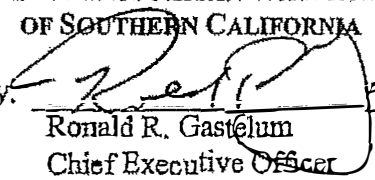
L. Amendment

This Agreement may be amended only in writing duly executed by the Parties hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, individual items listed in Exhibit H are subject to adjustment pursuant to the procedure set forth in Exhibit H.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first set forth above.


THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By: 
Ronald R. Gastelum
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 6-12-03

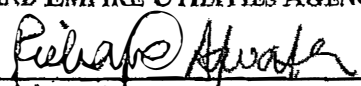
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General Counsel

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Sydney Bennion
Assistant General Counsel

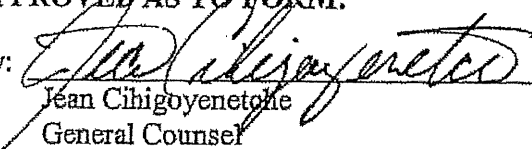
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INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

By: 
Richard Atwater
General Manager

Date: JUNE 19, 2003

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
Jean Cihigoyenetchie
General Counsel

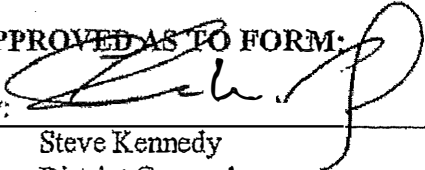
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THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT

By: 
Richard W. Hansen
General Manager/Chief Engineer

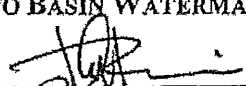
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
Steve Kennedy
District Counsel

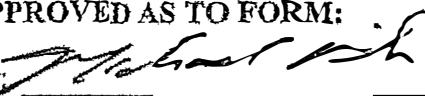
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CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

By: 
John V. Rossi
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 6/19/03

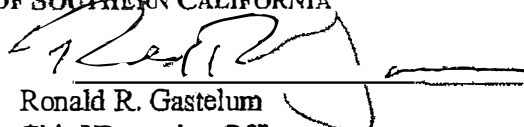
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
Michael Fife
General Counsel

Date: 6-3-03

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By:



Ronald R. Gastelum
Chief Executive Officer

Date:

6/19/03

EXHIBIT B



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

March 20, 2019

Mr. Kirby Brill
Interim General Manager
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
6075 Kimball Avenue
Chino, CA 91708

Mr. Matthew Litchfield
General Manager
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
1021 E. Miramar Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711

Mr. Peter Kavounas
General Manager
Chino Basin Watermaster
9641 San Bernardino Road
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Dear Messrs. Brill, Litchfield, and Kavounas:

Chino Basin Groundwater Storage Actions and Voluntary Purchase Methodology

Enclosed for your files are copies of the fully executed letter agreement "Chino Basin Groundwater Storage Actions and Voluntary Purchase Methodology."

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 217-6756, or via email at mhacker@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hacker", written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Hacker
Senior Resource Specialist

MH:rh

Enclosure



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

February 5, 2019

Mr. Kirby Brill
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Mr. Peter Kavounas
General Manager
Chino Basin Watermaster
9641 San Bernardino Road
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Dear Messrs. Brill, Litchfield, and Kavounas:

Chino Basin Groundwater Storage Actions and Voluntary Purchase Methodology

This letter documents agreement among Metropolitan, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), Three Valleys Municipal Water District (Three Valleys), and the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) for storage of water above the initial 25,000 acre-feet cap in the Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Program (CUP). Normally, CUP water is stored in advance by Metropolitan for use during dry years and emergencies to reduce deliveries at the service connection. By letter dated June 23, 2017, Metropolitan called for up to 25,000 acre-feet to be stored in its CUP account through June 30, 2018. The parties stored about 39,000 acre-ft. Metropolitan appreciates the effort that the parties have shown to maximize storage during this period. This letter documents adjustments to the method of determining extraction from the account, in recognition of these efforts to store additional water.

Messrs Brill, Litchfield and Kavonias:

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By agreement of the parties, any water stored after June 11, 2017, would be purchased from the account by IEUA and Three Valleys when the parties pump over the groundwater baseline as defined in Exhibit G. A copy of Exhibit G is enclosed in this letter. This pumping could be the result of a response to a call for pumping made by Metropolitan or it could be through normal operational decisions made by the individual parties in a given year. Except during a call, the increase in pumping would be voluntary and performance would be measured by the parties that elect to increase their pumping. Call provisions would remain unchanged. The parties will receive O&M, power, and treatment credits and be billed for the water when the parties pump over the groundwater baseline as defined in Exhibit G. Voluntary purchases will be accomplished as follows:

- IEUA and Three Valleys will submit certifications for CUP storage as normal. These certified amounts will be added to the storage account.
- Credits will be applied if a Party chooses voluntarily to purchase stored water by increasing groundwater pumping. The first and any instance in which an individual party's pumping is above its groundwater baseline as described in Exhibit G, the party will submit a certification for extraction from the account. Metropolitan will invoice IEUA and Three Valleys for the additional pumping at the prevailing untreated water rate at that time and will pay the O&M, power, and treatment credits as outlined in the Section VI.E of the Agreement. IEUA, Three Valleys, and the Watermaster will debit the purchased amounts from Metropolitan's CUP account.

If you concur with these provisions, please execute this letter signifying your concurrence and return to Metropolitan.

Sincerely,


Deven Upadhyay
Assistant General Manager/COO

MH:vh

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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CONCUR:



Kirby Brill
Interim General Manager

Date 2/26/19

Matthew Litchfield
General Manager

Date

Peter Kavounas
General Manager

Date

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CONCUR:

Kirby Brill
Interim General Manager

Date



Matthew Litchfield
General Manager

Date 2/25/19

Peter Kavounas
General Manager

Date

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February 5, 2019

CONCUR:

Kirby Brill
Interim General Manager

Date

Matthew Litchfield
General Manager

Date


Peter Kavounas
General Manager

2/19/19
Date

EXHIBIT C

3. Financial Effects

[a] Watermaster believes that the 2019 changes did not change the nature of the DYY Program, as it is and remains an imported water Storage and Recovery program overseen by Watermaster through the Storage and Recovery Agreement and through its seat on the Operating Committee. The 2019 changes have been in effect for over two years and there has not been any discussion, until now, that the program puts and takes should be treated differently going forward than the current directions for Storage and Recovery Programs' puts and takes.

[b] The water that was taken from MWD's account by CVWD and FWC is considered a take from a Storage and Recovery account and as such, consistent with ten prior Assessment Packages, it is not subject to Watermaster assessments or DRO obligation.

[c] The effect of the CVWD and FWC "takes" can only be represented as a cost shift if one assumes that those agencies would have pumped the same amount pursuant to their own water rights instead of taking imported water, and even then, it can only be the case if all other parties had chosen to not perform in a manner similar to CVWD and FWC.

Addressing the City of Ontario's Concerns

As noted above, there is ample background to conclude that the 2019 adjustments to the DYY program's stored water "take" mechanism presented no physical threat of any kind to the Basin. The City's concerns are entirely directed at Watermaster's administration of the DYY Program and specifically the manner in which Watermaster agreed to the adjustments to the stored water "take" mechanism and how Watermaster administers the DYY Program through the Annual Operating Plan, including when and how adjustments and approvals are processed and agreed, at Watermaster, and at the Operating Committee.

Watermaster processed the proposed adjustment to the Annual Operation Plan through an open vetting over a 12-month period with IEUA and the members of the Appropriative Pool. Status reports were provided to stakeholders of what was being considered by the Operating Committee and why. The four parties to the DYY Funding Agreement concluded that the suggested adjustments could be accomplished without an amendment to the DYY Funding Agreement and instead selected the prior practice of using a letter agreement among the Operating Committee representatives.

The City's objections to the 2019 letter agreement are principally procedural in nature. In short, they contend that Watermaster should have followed a process in which it processed the 2019 letter agreement by requesting specific actions by the Pool Committees, the Advisory Committee, and approval by Board action that directed the General Manager to execute the 2019 letter agreement.

The City's allegations regarding the DYY Program do not raise credible concerns the 2019 adjustments to the stored water "take" mechanism would cause Material Physical Injury. They are procedural and financial and are most appropriately addressed in the proper venue:

First, the City's contention that the 2019 agreement should have triggered a contract amendment requiring direction from the Watermaster Board to the General Manager can be addressed at the discretion of the Board at any time insofar as future actions are concerned. However, the fact is that the 2019 agreement was executed by the General Manager as the representative of Watermaster with months'-long notice to the parties and without any questions or concerns. The letter agreement process was endorsed by all four DYY parties as proper under the agreement among them.

Second, the contention that the 2019 letter agreement changed the original intent of the program can be most appropriately handled by the Operating Committee, with representatives of all four parties to the Agreement. Watermaster has sought input from the DYY contract parties. Particularly, Watermaster asked two questions: [1] whether the changes after the 2019 agreement change the fundamental essence of the

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Case No. RCVRS 51010

Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I declare that:

I am employed in the County of San Bernardino, California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730; telephone (909) 484-3888.

On March 25, 2022 I served the following:

1. DECLARATION OF EDUARDO ESPINOZA

BY MAIL: in said cause, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed with postage thereon fully prepaid, for delivery by United States Postal Service mail at Rancho Cucamonga, California, addresses as follows:

See attached service list: Master Email Distribution List

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