

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 80-203  
METROPOLITAN AREA WATER RESOURCES )  
STUDY ) Introduced by the  
 ) Regional Planning Committee

WHEREAS, The Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) initiated a study of the water resources of the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area, to be conducted by the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, The merger of CRAG with the Metropolitan Service District (MSD) was approved by the voters in 1978; and

WHEREAS, The CRAG/Metro staff and the Water Resources Policy Alternatives Committee (WRPAC) has provided technical and policy input to the Corps of Engineers throughout the course of the study; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Council approved the release of the completed Water Resources Study for public review and comment in March, 1980; and

WHEREAS, The period for public review and comment has ended; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. Regional Water Supply Plan

- a. The Regional Water Supply Plan, dated 1979, is adopted and is to be implemented by local water purveyors;

- b. Metro's role shall be as a coordinator and facilitator of voluntary plan implementation;
- c. Metro shall maintain detailed data on water supply conditions in the metropolitan region;
- d. The recommendations outlined in the plan shall be used as criteria in A-95 Review and plan review processes; and
- e. If progress toward voluntary implementation of the Water Supply Plan recommendations does not occur and more specific action is required, Metro shall consider re-adoption by ordinance as a functional plan for the region pursuant to ORS 268.390.

2. Drainage Management

- a. The Regional Drainage Report (and appendices), dated 1979, is adopted for use by Metro in developing a regional stormwater management plan pursuant to ORS 268.390.
- b. Metro will encourage the use of the Regional Drainage Report in developing local drainage management programs.
- c. Addendum A of the Regional Drainage Report, "Suggested Modifications to LCDC Goals Assessment Criteria Used for Review of Local Comprehensive Plans," shall be used by Metro staff as an assessment tool only. An assessment of local plans based on these criteria may be

used by Metro as the basis for the development of a functional plan for drainage management.

3. Dredging in Portland Harbor

- a. Since dredging in Portland Harbor is primarily the responsibility of the Corps of Engineers through its Portland District Office and the Port of Portland, the Dredging in Portland Harbor Report, dated 1979, is adopted as a resource document for use by these agencies.

4. Land Application of Sewage

- a. The Supplemental Report "Land Application of Sewage Effluents - Clackamas and Multnomah Counties" dated 1979, is an expansion of Technical Supplement No. 9 of the "208" Regional Waste Treatment Management Plan and is adopted as a support document to that plan to be used as a standard of comparison by any person or organization proposing any facilities plan or action related to the provision of waste treatment facilities and services.


5. Secondary Report Documents

- a. The remaining support documents, listed below, prepared as part of the Metropolitan Water Resources Study are approved as support documents to be used to clarify the major study

documents adopted herein:

- (1) Public Involvement, dated 1979
- (2) Background Information, dated 1979
- (3) Institutional Analysis, dated 1979
- (4) Comments, dated 1979

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District  
this 4th day of December, 1980.

  
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Presiding Officer

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## A G E N D A   M A N A G E M E N T   S U M M A R Y

TO: Metro Council  
 FROM: Executive Officer  
 SUBJECT: Adopting the Metropolitan Area Water Resources Study

I. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. **ACTION REQUESTED:** Recommend to the Council for adoption Resolution No. 80-203.
- B. **POLICY IMPACT:** By this action, the Council will formally accept the Metropolitan Area Water Resources Study and prescribe the specific uses of the individual study elements:
1. Regional Water Supply Plan
  2. Regional Drainage Management Plan
  3. Dredging in Portland Harbor
  4. Land Application of Sewage Effluents -- Clackamas and Multnomah County
  5. Secondary Report Documents.

The recommended role of Metro outlined in the above documents is consistent with the adopted Five Year Operational Plan.

- C. **BUDGET IMPACT:** None

II. ANALYSIS:

- A. **BACKGROUND:** For the past year the Water Resources Policy Alternatives Committee (WRPAC) has been reviewing the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland/Vancouver Metropolitan Area Water Resources Study. This study was initiated at the request of Congress and Metro's predecessor agency, the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG), as part of the National Urban Studies Program. The basic objectives of this program are as follows:

"...to provide urban water resource plans that are compatible with comprehensive urban development goals of the region under study. These plans will provide an integrated approach to water resources management." (FR 41:212:III:51148)

"...to develop, in conjunction with the public, plans which not only offer a realistic prospect for solving specific urban water resource problems, but, equally

important, also have the potential to serve as a catalyst for solving other related urban problems." (FR41:212:III:51147)

The "Metro Study" as it has been referred to was completed in 1979, and was accepted by the Metro Council and released for final public review and comment. The review period is now completed and the Corps is compiling the final comments for publication.

The final element of this program is the adoption of the various plans and documents, as appropriate, by the Metro Council.

- B. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: The majority of the Metro study elements are primarily resource planning documents rather than specific plans, therefore, their adoption as such by resolution is appropriate.

The option of adopting the Regional Water Supply Plan as a functional plan at this time was considered by Metro staff and the WRPAC and rejected for the following reasons:

1. The plan was not drafted as a Metro functional plan but rather a plan to be implemented, at least at the outset, voluntarily by the water purveyors of the region.
2. The recommended role of Metro was that of a coordinator and facilitator of voluntary plan implementation.
3. This role is consistent with the Metro Five Year Operational Plan which rated Water Supply functional planning as a low-priority.

- C. CONCLUSION: The WRPAC has reviewed the individual study documents along with the Metro staff recommended actions and unanimously approved the adoption proposals outlined in Resolution No. 80-203.

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