

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF)
COORDINATING TECHNICAL)
ASSISTANCE BETWEEN METRO)
AND THE REGIONAL WATER)
SUPPLY PLANNING STUDY)**

RESOLUTION NO. 94-1962A

**Introduced by
the Planning Committee**

WHEREAS, The Metro FY 1994-99 Water Resources Program work plan, adopted by the Metro-Council by Resolution 93-1873A on December 23, 1993, identifies specific work program activities addressing growth management and water supply planning; this includes a work element requiring coordination with the Regional Water Supply Study whereby Metro provides to the study growth management data and RLIS maps; and

WHEREAS, Metro's Region 2040 project, in developing and analyzing growth concepts and population projections that will lead to adoption of Metro growth management policy, has received the technical expertise of the region's water providers; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Supply Planning Study has utilized data from the Region 2040 Base Case II population figures to conduct its regional water demand modeling work elements;

WHEREAS, The Metro Council's decision regarding the Region 2040 preferred alternative must follow an extensive public involvement process that includes local

government and the general public that will not be completed in time to provide final population figures to assist the Regional Water Supply Planning Study in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Planning Department staff is in the process of developing new population numbers in the form of a preliminary staff recommendation that will provide more current data from which to re-generate the Regional Water Supply Planning Study water demand forecasts; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Supply Study has requested, in Attachment A, release of these newer numbers with the full understanding that such release should not be construed as evidence of any formal decision by the Metro Council regarding the direction to be taken in the final Region 2040 decision; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council recognizes the need for the Regional Water Supply Planning Study to continue its work plan on schedule without having to inordinately delay the study until final adoption of a Region 2040 decision next summer.
2. That the Metro Council agrees that the new population numbers being generated by the Region 2040 staff will provide a better basis for water demand modeling than the previously provided Base Case II numbers and that the new numbers should be provided

for the use of the Regional Water Supply Planning Study.

3. That the Metro Council, in allowing release of these preliminary numbers, does not establish any preliminary determination regarding the final direction of the Region 2040 decision until after the local government and public involvement process has been completed, a final Executive Officer recommendation is given to the Council and adequate deliberation has taken place on this critical matter.

4. That the Regional Water Supply Planning Study is requested to consider the affect on its plan after the final Region 2040 decision is adopted and that Metro will consider adoption of this Water Supply Plan as an element of the Metro Regional Framework Plan based upon its consistency with other elements of the Regional Framework Plan.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 26th day of May, 1994.


Judy Wyers, Presiding Officer



REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

Portland Metropolitan Area

May 12, 1994

PARTICIPATING WATER PROVIDERS

City of Beaverton
 Canby Utilities
 Board
 Clackamas Water
 District
 City of Gladstone
 Clairmont Water
 District
 Damascus Water
 District
 City of Fairview
 City of Gresham
 City of Hillsboro,
 Utilities Commission
 City of Forest Grove
 City of Lake Oswego
 City of Milwaukie
 Mt. Scott Water
 District
 Oak Lodge Water
 District
 City of Portland
 Raleigh Water
 District
 Rockwood Water
 City of Sandy
 City of Sherwood
 South Fork Water
 Board,
 (City of Oregon City
 City of West Linn)
 Tigard Water Dist.
 City of Troutdale
 City of Tualatin
 Tualatin Valley
 Water District
 West Slope Water
 District
 City of Wilsonville
 City of Wood Village

Councilor Susan McLain
 Metro Council
 600 Northeast Grand Ave.
 Portland, Oregon 97232-2736

Dear Councilor McLain:

The participants in the Regional Water Supply Plan project want to thank you and the other members of the Metro Planning Committee for hearing from us at your May 5 meeting. As we made clear during our presentation, and in our written material, we are looking to Metro to assist us in providing guidance on what population projection numbers to use in creating our water demand forecast. As you know we are engaged in a two and a half year planning project which has been underway for the last year. Between October of 1993 and March of 1994 we obtained Base Case II numbers from the Metro staff and have done one water demand forecast based upon those numbers. Although the absolute numbers will not change, the geographic distribution and density of that population does have an impact on where water demands will occur and to some extent the nature and volume of those demands, particularly related to seasonality and per capita consumption.

As a result we now find ourselves in need by June 30 of a set of population projections which are more current and in our estimation more closely approximate the likely outcome of a growth management strategy for the region expected in October of this year. We would ask that Metro formally direct staff to provide the region's water providers with the best available numbers as guidance so that we can continue to move forward with the regional water supply plan on a timely basis. We recognize that these are not sanctioned numbers based on any decision on the Metro Council's part which would prejudice the outcome of the 2040 public process. The numbers would be best available based upon the process to date and will be provided to us as guidance. It is our feeling that these numbers would have to result in a closer approximation of the regional decision than the use of the Base Case II numbers and would be developed based upon the extensive work that has gone into the Metro 2040 process to date. It is our intent to revise our water demand forecast based upon these new numbers. We will also ensure that the preliminary and final

regional water supply plan will contain the flexibility to reflect the decision on the growth concept to be made by the Council later this year as well as any changes which may result in the early part of 1995. Later plan updates can revise the demand forecasts based upon the adopted growth concept as refined by subsequent Metro and local government decision making processes.

We hope that the Metro Council will find this an acceptable course of action and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or if we can be of further assistance to you in any way please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely Yours,

Handwritten signature of Tim Erwert in cursive script, with a small flourish at the end.

Tim Erwert, Chair
Steering Committee

cc: Participants Committee members
Rosemary Furfey
Andy Cotugno

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDER OF RESOLUTION NO. 94-1962 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN METRO AND THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING STUDY

Date: May 12, 1994

Presented By: Rosemary Furfey

FACTUAL ANALYSIS

On May 5, 1994, representatives from the Regional Water Supply Planning Study (RWSPS) made a presentation to the Metro Council Planning Committee. They provided an update on the project's schedule of activities, analyses and products. They then sought Planning Committee guidance on what population projection numbers to use in creating demand forecasts. The RWSPS is currently using the Region 2040 project's Base Case II population numbers provided by Metro for its water demand forecasting. They explained that they want to use the most current Region 2040 population distribution numbers which will more closely approximate the likely growth strategy that the Council will adopt. They need these projections by end of June in order to keep the RWSPS progressing on a timely basis.

The Region 2040 staff agree that the current population numbers they are producing will provide a better basis for water demand modeling than the previously provided Base Case numbers. The Planning Department has determined that they can provide the most current population projections by the end of June 1994. This will not delay other Region 2040 work products and is consistent with current Region 2040 work schedules. This will allow the RWSPS to proceed without major delays. The RWSPS will later update its water demand forecasts based upon the final growth concept adopted by the Council. It must be emphasized, however, that the release of these most current population projections does not, however, establish any prior determination regarding the final outcome of the Metro Council's decisions regarding Region 2040 growth management policy.

BACKGROUND

In May 1993, 27 of the region's water providers signed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to fund and manage the Regional Water Supply Planning Study. This two and one half year planning study will lead toward adoption of a regional water supply plan (RWSP). This plan is intended to direct how to meet the region's future water supply needs to the year 2050. The plan work elements include analysis of demand management and conservation measures, supply development, transmission and systems efficiency, and institutional relationships. The plan will include specific phased implementation strategies for the short-, medium- and long-term. Public involvement is also a key element in this planning process.

The 1992 Metro Charter directs Metro to include water supply and storage in its Regional Framework Plan. Therefore, the Region 2040 project staff are working in close cooperation with the RWSPS staff and consultants to ensure coordination and consistency in the use of population numbers. The region's water providers have also provided valuable technical assistance and data for the water resources component of the Region 2040 growth concepts.

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WHEREAS, The Regional Water Supply Study has requested, in Attachment A, release of these newer numbers with the full understanding that such release should not be construed as evidence of any formal decision by the Metro Council regarding the direction to be taken in the final Region 2040 decision; now, therefore

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4. That the Regional Water Supply Planning Study is requested to consider the affect on its plan after the final Region 2040 decision is adopted and that Metro will consider adoption of this Water Supply Plan as an element of the Metro Regional Framework Plan based upon this consistency.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of _____, 1994.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 94-1962 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN METRO AND THE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING STUDY

Date: May 23, 1994

Presented By: Councilor McLain

Committee Recommendation: At the May 19, 1994 meeting, the Planning Committee voted 6-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 94-1962. Voting in favor: Councilors Kvistad, Gates, McLain, Monroe, Moore, and Washington. Absent: Gardner and Devlin.

Committee Issues/Discussion: At the May 5 meeting of the Planning Committee, Lorna Stickel from the Regional Water Supply Planning Study gave a presentation for the committee. She explained that the study has been making use of the Region 2040 Base Case II numbers to conduct its regional water demand modeling work elements. She asked the committee to consider early release of newer population figures currently being developed by Metro staff. These figures have been represented by Metro staff to provide more current data from which to re-generate the Regional Water Supply Planning Study water demand forecasts.

Resolution 94-1962 was written to allow for the early release of these population figures with several caveats. The committee was concerned that early release of new numbers might be construed by some to be an indicator of the approved direction of the Council in making a final Region 2040 decision. They requested language be drafted to clarify that this is not the case, that no such direction is indicated by this decision. The committee, however, agreed that the Regional Water Supply Study should use newer numbers and should not be expected to delay their work until the Region 2040 decision is made next summer.

Finally, the committee agreed that the work of the Regional Water Supply Study may lay the primary groundwork for the water supply element of the Metro Regional Framework Plan. The best scenario would be for the two plans to be consistent. The fourth resolve was amended to read:

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