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**RE: Proposed Biennial Budget and Associated Rates and Charges for 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Dear Gary:

In your March 6, 2012 reply to our February 3 letter regarding the Proposed Biennial Budget and Associated Rates and Charges for 2012/13 and 2013/14, you responded to our Question Number 4, that "this highlighted area is worded as a statement or position and should be addressed through the Board or Committee process."

We are happy to place our concern in the form of a question:

Does the MWD cost of service currently capture and charge to the agencies that benefit, the full costs of system "standby" capacity and supply that enables year-to-year peaking off MWD?

We would also appreciate knowing whether your statement means that MWD staff believes that the MWD board of directors has the option, as a "policy" matter, to not charge the cost of these services, facilities, and supplies to the agencies that benefit?

We would appreciate a prompt reply to this letter in advance of the public hearing on Monday.

Sincerely,

Lynne Heidel  
Director

Keith Lewinger  
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Doug Wilson  
Director

cc: Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors  
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