

Council Meeting of
November 18, 2008

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Reappointment of Torrance's Director to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board for a four year term.
Expenditure: \$9,600**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Mayor that the City Council approve the reappointment of Mr. Bill Wright as the City's representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board for a four year term through December 31, 2012.

Funding

Funding is available from the water utility's current Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In 1994, Mr. Bill Wright was selected by the Mayor and the City Council to fill the vacated post of the City's Director on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board. Although the City's prior MWD directors served for an indefinite tenure, the City Council elected to appoint Mr. Wright to a four year term at that time. Subsequently, Mr. Wright has been reappointed to this post for full terms effective January 1997, January 2001 and January 2005. Mr. Wright's current term expires on December 31, 2008.

The procedure for appointment of the MWD Director is set forth in the Metropolitan Water District Act and by City Ordinance. Pursuant to the City Council's adoption of Ordinance 3387 in 1994, the MWD Director serves a four-year term of office and is paid a stipend of \$200 per month, in lieu of ordinary and necessary expenses. The Ordinance provides that the Mayor appoint the City's representative on the MWD Board of Directors with the approval of the City Council. With the expiration of Mr. Wright's term, it is necessary that the Mayor and City Council take action to make an appointment to this post.

MWD, in concert with its member agencies, has a major role in developing important water policy on a local, state and federal level. The fact that the City relies on

MWD for approximately 70% of its total drinking water supply, this position is extremely important in representing the City's interests.

During his tenure, Mr. Wright has served with distinction and dedication as the City's MWD Director. He has been extremely effective in the performance of his role, serving on a number of MWD committees and subcommittees that include the key Water Planning & Stewardship Committee. Mr. Wright has been actively involved in federal, state and local activities relating to water issues and serves as an alternate member on the Colorado River Board, which is responsible for both MWD's and California's allotment of Colorado River water. Details of his assignments and a calendar of activities for the month of September 2008 are attached for your reference.

Mr. Wright has established a strong communication link with the City Council, staff and the outside community. He provides briefing reports on MWD activities and regularly meets with City staff, attends Water Commission meetings and arranges for periodic briefings with MWD management regarding important water issues. Mr. Wright also provides MWD sponsored inspection tours of both the Colorado River and State Water Project systems. These tours are designed to inform and educate community leaders regarding the importance of water issues to the local area.

In summary, Mr. Wright has done an excellent job as the City's representative on the MWD Board of Directors. Therefore, it is recommended that he be reappointed to this post for a four year term from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012 in accordance with the attached Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

- Attachments: A. Resolution
B. Ordinance 3387
C. MWD Committee and Subcommittee Assignments
D. September 2008 Activity Calendar
E. Letter from Bill Wright to Mayor

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BILL WRIGHT TO THE POST AS THE CITY OF TORRANCE'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright's term of office as the City of Torrance's representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors expires on December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California does not designate a fixed term of office, the City of Torrance, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 3387 on January 4, 1994, has established a four year term of office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright has indicated a willingness to serve another term as the City's representative on the Metropolitan Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright has performed his role as the City of Torrance's Director on the Metropolitan Water District board in an exemplary manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby consent to and approve the nomination by the Mayor to reappoint Bill Wright as the City of Torrance's representative to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for a four year term from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

ATTEST:

Frank Scotto,
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN L. FELLOWS III
CITY ATTORNEY

By _____
Ronald T. Pohl,
Assistant City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 3387

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

The City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

That a new Article 6 shall be added to Chapter 2 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code to read in its entirety as follows:

"ARTICLE 6

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

SECTION 12.6.1. CREATION, COMPENSATION

a) There is hereby created the position of Representative, Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.

b) Commencing February 1, 1994, and monthly thereafter for so long as the Representative shall serve, he or she shall be paid, in lieu of ordinary and necessary expenses, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month.

SECTION 12.6.2. APPOINTMENT AND TERM
OF REPRESENTATIVE

a) The representative shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. The term of office shall be four (4) years commencing on January 1, 1997, and expiring on December 31, 2000, and each four years thereafter.

b) The representative shall serve until the expiration of his or her term, or until his or her successor has been appointed and qualified.

c) A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

d) Notwithstanding the generalities of the above, the term of office vacated by the death of the incumbent in December 1993 shall be presumed to have been for a period ending December 31, 1996.

SECTION 12.6.3. REMOVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE

The representative to the Metropolitan Water District may be removed from office by a vote of the majority of all the members of the City Council."

SECTION 2

Any provisions of the Torrance Municipal Code or appendices thereto, or any other ordinances of the City inconsistent herewith to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine as provided for in Section 36900 of the California Government Code.

SECTION 5

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption and, prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the passage thereof, shall be published at least once in the Daily Breeze, a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED this 4th day of January, 1994.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 11th day of January, 1994.

/s/ Katy Geissert
Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

/s/ John A. Bramhall
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN L. FELLOWS III
City Attorney

By /s/ Wm. G. Quale
William G. Quale
Assistant City Attorney

TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 3387

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, John A. Bramhall, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced and approved by the City Council of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting held on the 4th day of January, 1994, and adopted and passed by said Council at a regular meeting held on the 11th day of January, 1994, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Hardison, Lee, Nakano, O'Donnell, Wirth and Geissert.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

/s/ John A. Bramhall
Clerk of the City of Torrance

October 15, 2008

ASSIGNMENTS & ACTIVITIES OF BILL D. WRIGHT

TORRANCE DIRECTOR

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (MWD)

MWD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Engineering & Capital Programs Committee:

Responsible for water delivery infrastructure of MWD in Southern California.

Water Quality & Operations Committee:

Responsible for the quality of MWD water and its delivery to our Member Agencies in Southern California.

Water Planning & Stewardship Committee:

Responsible for providing a reliable supply of water to our Member Agencies.

NOTE: I attend all Business & Finance; Legal & Human Resources; and Communication & Legislation Committee meetings to stay informed on their issues, even though I'm not a voting member of these Committees.

Member of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA).

Allows me to track all water issues and legislation at the federal level.

West Basin Board Meeting & Caucus.

Attend all Meetings as have many common water supply and water quality interests, including reclamation, with Torrance. Provides good opportunity to form voting-blocks on MWD items of common interest.

North Group Caucus (Group of Directors and Member Agency Managers from Pasadena to Ventura).

Meets prior to MWD Committee and Board Meetings to discuss the Agenda, Items of common interest, etc. These meetings provide good opportunities to promote Items of special interest to Torrance.

Member of Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE TORRANCE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, WATER COMMISSION, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, WATER DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC.

Keeping in close contact with Torrance Staff makes sure I'm representing Torrance's interests in water-supply and water-quality issues. Staff has been very supportive by providing information and resources that allows me to do my "job".

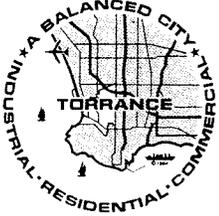
I provide a Monthly Report on MWD Board activities to the Mayor and City Council, the City Manager, the Water Commission, and Staff.

The monthly Water Commission meeting provides me an opportunity to brief the Members and Staff on MWD activities.

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ATTACHMENT D

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 11:30-1:30p West Basin Water Assoc. Mtg.	3	4 12-2p West Basin Water District Caucus	5 8-10a North Group Caucus	6	7
8 8:30-10a Business & Finance Comm. Mtg. 10-11:30a Engineering & Capital Programs Comm. Mtg. 12-1:30p Water Quality & Operations Comm. 1:30-3p Water Planning & Stewardship C	9 * Colorado R. Briefing 8-9:30a Legal & Human Resources Comm. Mtg. 9:30-11a Communi... & Legislation Comm. Mtg. 11-12p Executive Comm. Mtg. 12-1p Board M	10 10-12p Colorado River Board Mtg.-Ontario	11 10-2p Integrated Resources Plan Forum-Newport Beach	12	13 11-3p MWD Employee Picnic-Orange	14
15	16	17 9-12p Ca. Dept. of Water Resources Web Workshop on Waterbank	18 7-8p Torrance Water Commission Mtg.	19 10-1p MWD retired Director Funereal	20	21
22 12-2p West Basin Brd. Mtg.	23 9-10a IRP Steering Comm. Mtg. 10-11a Executive Comm. Mtg. 11-12p Audit & Ethics Comm. Mtg.	24 8-8:30p Engineering & Capital Programs Inspection Trip	25 10-2p Integrated Resources Plan Forum-Los Angeles	26	27	28
29 10-11a Mtg. w/ Tor. Staff	30 8-9p Assoc of Calif. Water Agencies Event-Irvine	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12



CITY OF
TORRANCE

October 27, 2008

Frank
Mayor Frank Scotto:

My term on Metropolitan Water district's (MWD) Board of Directors Expires at the end of 2008. This letter is to inform you that I would like to seek another term as the City's representative on the Metropolitan Board. I am enclosing a resume of my assignments and activities as the City of Torrance's MWD Director, as well as a letter of reference from Ed Little, Vice President of the West Basin Municipal Water District Board.

If you would desire a personal interview, or my appearance before the City Council, please notify me or the Public Works staff. It has been a distinct pleasure and honor to serve the City in this capacity, and I have enjoyed working with each of you.

Thank you for your consideration of my request,

Bill D. Wright
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310-540-0406

Ps: Rob Beste, our Director of Public Works, indicated that he would be glad to talk to you regarding my competency and Activities as Torrance's MWD Director.