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## **WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE**

This memorandum includes a pursuit of County position on Federal legislation regarding the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984.

### **Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

H.R. 470 (Heck, R-NV), also known as the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011, would extend the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (Act). The Act, which governs the allocation of water and power from the Hoover Dam, is currently scheduled to expire in 2017. H.R. 470, as introduced on January 26, 2011, has bipartisan support and 19 cosponsors from California, Arizona and Nevada. Several entities, including the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles, the Metropolitan Water District, and Southern California Edison, are supporting the effort to extend the 2017 deadline, which would essentially keep current contracts governing the allocation of energy resources in place.

Hoover power was first allocated by Congress in the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928. In 1984, Congress again allocated Hoover power through contracts with state, municipal and utility contracts, which expire in 2017. The Internal Services Department (ISD) indicates that the Hoover Power Plant has provided clean, low-cost power to citizens, businesses and municipalities in Los Angeles County for decades, and the citizens of Los Angeles County have benefited from the investments made by the

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Metropolitan Water District, Southern California Edison, and the cities of Los Angeles, Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena to keep the Hoover Power Plant viable and reliable. ISD states that passage of H.R. 470 to extend the current contracts governing the allocation of energy resources is critical to ensuring the continued availability and reliability of Hoover power to the citizens of Arizona, California, and Nevada.

The Internal Services Department and this office support H.R. 470. Support for this proposal is consistent with existing policy to support efforts to ensure reasonable wholesale rates for electricity. Therefore, **the Washington, D.C. advocates will support H.R. 470 and any other legislation that would extend the Hoover Power Plant Act beyond the 2017 expiration date and keep current contracts governing the allocation of energy resources in place.**

H.R. 470 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources on January 26, 2011, and to the Subcommittee on Water and Power on February 4, 2011, where it awaits a hearing date.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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