

Assembly Bill No. 692

CHAPTER 368

An act to amend Sections 6, 10, and 10.2 of the County Water Authority Act (Chapter 545 of the Statutes of 1943), relating to water.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 692, Morrow. County Water Authority Act.

(1) Under the County Water Authority Act, each member of the board of directors of a county water authority is subject to recall by the majority vote of the governing body of the public agency from which the member is appointed.

This bill would declare that a member of the board serves at the will of the governing body of the public agency from which the member is appointed and may be removed by a majority vote of the governing body without a showing of good cause.

(2) Under the act, each member of the board is entitled to vote on all questions, orders, resolutions, and ordinances coming before the board, and is entitled to cast one vote for each \$5,000,000, or major fractional part thereof, of assessed valuation of property taxable for authority purposes in the public agency represented by that member, as specified.

This bill would revise and recast that provision and related provisions. The bill would authorize each board member to cast one vote for each \$5,000,000, or major fractional part thereof, of the total financial contribution paid to the authority that is attributable to the public agency of which the member is a representative, as prescribed. The bill would define the term "total financial contribution." The bill would specify the total financial contribution and the vote of each member public agency for the San Diego County Water Authority, as of July 1, 1997. The bill would prescribe related matters. By imposing additional duties on a county water authority, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would authorize a member of the board to designate another member of the board to vote, in his or her absence, as specified.

(3) Under the act, the representative of a military reservation on the board is entitled to cast one vote on all matters coming before the board, notwithstanding the assessed valuation of property taxable for authority purposes within the military reservation.

This bill would delete that provision and, instead, declare that, for purposes of the act, a military reservation is deemed to be a public agency.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of the County Water Authority Act (Chapter 545 of the Statutes of 1943) is amended to read:

Sec. 6. (a) All powers, privileges, and duties vested in or imposed upon any authority incorporated under this act shall be exercised and performed by and through a board of directors. The exercise of any and all executive, administrative, and ministerial powers may be delegated by the board of directors to any of the offices created by this act or by the board of directors acting under this act.

(b) The board of directors shall consist of at least one representative from each public agency, the area of which is within the authority. The representatives shall be designated and appointed by the chief executive officers of those public agencies, respectively, with the consent and approval of the legislative bodies of the public agencies, respectively. Any member of the governing body of a member agency that is a water district may be appointed by that member agency to the board of the authority to serve as the agency's representative, except that, in the case of agencies with several representatives, a majority of the members of the governing body of the agency may not be appointed by the agency to serve as representatives on the board of the authority. Any director holding dual offices shall not vote upon any contract between a county water authority and the member public agency he or she represents on the authority's board. The term "water district," as used in this subdivision, has the same meaning as in subdivision (a) of Section 10.

(c) Members of the board of directors shall hold office for a term of six years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. However, the terms of the members of the first board shall be determined by lot so that the terms of not less than one-half of the members shall be three years and the terms of the remainder shall be six years. Every member shall be subject to recall by the voters of the public agency from which that member is appointed, in accordance with the recall provisions of the freeholders' charter or other law applicable to the public agency. Notwithstanding that representatives are appointed for a fixed term of years, members of the board of directors serve at the will of the governing body of the



public agency from which the member is appointed and may be removed by a majority vote of the governing body without a showing of good cause.

(d) In addition to one representative, any public agency may, at its option, designate and appoint one additional representative for each full 5 percent of the assessed value of property taxable for authority purposes which is within the public agency. However, the term of office of any representative shall not be changed or terminated by reason of any future change in the assessed value of property within any member agency.

(e) Each member of the board of directors shall be entitled to vote on all actions coming before the board and shall be entitled to cast one vote for each five million dollars (\$5,000,000), or major fractional part thereof, of the total financial contribution paid to the authority that is attributable to the public agency of which the member is a representative provided that no public agency shall have votes that exceed the number of the total votes of all the other public agencies. A public agency with more than one representative shall have the option, by ordinance, to either require its representatives to cast all of that agency's votes as a unit, as a majority of the representatives present shall determine, or to entitle each such representative to cast an equal share of the total vote of such agency. A copy of the ordinance shall be delivered to the secretary of the board of directors. The affirmative votes of members representing more than 50 percent of the number of votes of all the members shall be necessary, and except as herein provided, sufficient to carry any action coming before the board of directors. If the public agency member having the largest total financial contribution to the authority has more than 38 percent of the total financial contribution to the authority, the affirmative votes of members representing more than 55 percent of the number of votes of all the members shall be necessary, except as herein provided, to carry any action coming before the board of directors. Any meeting may be adjourned or recessed from day to day or from time to time, by vote of the director or directors present, irrespective of the number of directors present.

(f) For the purposes of this section, "total financial contribution" includes all amounts paid in taxes, assessments, fees, and charges to or on behalf of the authority with respect to property located within the boundaries of member public agencies, including, but not limited to, standby charges, capacity charges, readiness to serve charges, connection and maintenance fees, annexation fees and charges for water delivered to member public agencies by the authority excluding the cost of treatment for the water. The total financial contribution shall be determined by the board of directors as of the end of each fiscal year. Allocation of voting power shall be reestablished by the board of directors on January 1 of each year based upon the calculation determined for the previous fiscal year.



(g) Subject to confirmation by his or her public agency, a member of the board of directors may designate another member of the board of directors to vote in his or her absence. The designation and the confirmation shall be by a written instrument filed with the authority. If a director will be absent and wishes the designee to cast the vote, a written notice shall be filed with the secretary of the board of directors. If the notice is not received by the authority, the vote of the absent director will not be counted. The designation, confirmation, and notices shall be maintained on file with the authority. The designation may be changed from time to time with the confirmation of the representative's agency. The designation shall not direct how the absent representative's vote shall be cast on any matter. Directors from a public agency represented by more than one director shall be deemed confirmed as designated representatives to vote for absent directors from that public agency. This section does not apply to a public agency that has exercised the option under subdivision (e) to cast all of that agency's votes as a unit.

(h) Notwithstanding subdivision (f), the total financial contribution and the vote of each member public agency of the San Diego County Water Authority as of July 1, 1997, shall be as follows:

AGENCY	Total Financial Contribution July 1, 1997	VOTES
Carlsbad Municipal Water District	\$129,787,887	25.96
City of Del Mar	13,712,188	2.74
City of Escondido	128,929,059	25.78
Fallbrook Public Utilities District	116,801,107	23.36
Helix Water District	356,506,629	71.30
National City	45,046,563	9.01
City of Oceanside	192,690,117	38.53
Olivenhain Municipal Water District	73,733,684	14.75
Otay Water District	146,294,367	29.26
Padre Dam Municipal Water District	142,768,644	28.55
Pendleton Military Res. City of Poway	10,921,265	2.18
	82,602,257	16.52
Rainbow Municipal Water District	194,841,500	38.96
Ramona Municipal Water District	65,220,318	13.04
Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District	69,024,271	13.80

City of San Diego	1,864,642,414	372.97
San Dieguito Water District	51,831,643	10.37
Santa Fe Irrigation District	64,860,359	12.97
South Bay Irrigation District	139,063,067	27.81
Vallecitos Water District	64,994,093	13.00
Valley Center Municipal Water District	243,877,685	48.77
Vista Irrigation District	118,493,448	23.70
Yuima Municipal Water District	15,146,776	3.03
TOTALS:	\$4,331,789,341	866.36

(i) The total financial contribution for the San Diego County Water Authority shall be determined by the board of directors as of the end of each fiscal year by adding the total financial contribution of each agency for the fiscal year to the totals provided for in subdivision (h) establishing the total financial contribution as of July 1, 1997. Allocation of voting power shall be reestablished by the board of directors to be effective on January 1 of each year based upon the calculation determined for the previous fiscal year. In addition to the definition in subdivision (f), "total financial contribution" shall also include all amounts paid in taxes, assessments, fees, and charges paid to or on behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with respect to property located within the boundaries of member public agencies including, but not limited to, standby charges, capacity charges, readiness to serve charges, connection and maintenance fees, annexation fees, and charges for water sold to member public agencies by the authority excluding the cost of treatment for the water.

(j) Members of the first board of directors so constituted shall convene at the call of the clerk of the board of supervisors in the meeting room of the board of supervisors at the county seat of the county, and immediately upon convening, the board of directors shall elect from its membership a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and a secretary, who shall serve for a period of two years, or until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(k) A quorum necessary for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board of directors exists whenever there are present at the meeting a majority of the membership of the board of directors that includes at least one-half of the number of representatives of each public agency member having more than six representatives serving on the board of directors. Designees appointed pursuant to subdivision (g) shall not be considered "present" for the purposes of establishing a quorum. However, any regular or special meeting of the board of directors at which a quorum is not present may be



continued from time to time until a quorum is present to transact the business of the board of directors.

SEC. 2. Section 10 of the County Water Authority Act (Chapter 545 of the Statutes of 1943) is amended to read:

Sec. 10. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply to the terms used; the term “city” means and includes any municipal corporation or municipality of the State of California, whether organized under a freeholder’s charter or under the provisions of general law of the type and class of cities and incorporated towns; the term “water district” means and includes any municipal water district, municipal utility district, public utility district, county water district, irrigation district, or any other public corporation or agency of the State of California of similar character.

(b) Territory may be annexed to any county water authority organized under this act by one of the following methods:

(1) By annexation to, or consolidation with, the area of any city, the area of which, as a separate unit, has become a part of any county water authority organized under this act, the annexation or consolidation to occur upon compliance with the provisions of law governing the annexation to, or consolidation with, the area of the city. Upon completion of the annexation to, or consolidation with, the city in compliance with the provisions of law applicable thereto, the territory shall become, and be, a part of the county water authority, and the taxable property therein shall be subject to taxation thereafter for the purposes of the county water authority, including the payment of bonds and other obligations of the authority at the time authorized or outstanding.

(2) By annexation to, or consolidation with, any city which, as a separate unit, has become a part of any water district whose area, as a separate unit, has become a part of any county water authority organized under this act, in instances where, under the applicable provisions of law governing the change of boundaries of the water district, the annexation or consolidation automatically will result in the enlargement of the area of the water district, the annexation or consolidation to occur upon compliance with the provisions of law governing the annexation to, or consolidation with, the area of the city. Upon completion of the annexation to, or consolidation with, the city in compliance with the provisions of law applicable thereto, the territory shall become, and be, a part of the water district and of the county water authority, and the taxable property therein shall be subject to taxation thereafter for the purposes of the water district and of the county water authority, including the payment of bonds and other obligations of the water district and of the county water authority at the time authorized or outstanding. If any territory has been so annexed to, or consolidated with, any city prior to the effective date of this paragraph, under conditions which would have resulted in the enlargement of the area of the county water authority



had this paragraph then been in effect, upon compliance with the following provisions of this paragraph, the territory shall be annexed to, and shall become and be part of, the county water authority and shall be a part of the water district for all purposes, the last-mentioned provisions being as follows:

(A) The governing body of the city, at any time after the effective date of this paragraph, may adopt an ordinance which, after reciting that the territory has been annexed to, or consolidated with, the city by proceedings previously taken under statutory authority, and after referring to the applicable statutes and to the date and place of filing of the certificate or certificates evidencing the annexation or consolidation, shall describe the territory and shall determine and declare that the territory shall be, and thereby is, annexed to the county water authority, and the ordinance shall further determine and declare that the territory shall become and be, and thereby, is a part of the county water authority, and shall be, and thereby is, a part of the water district for all purposes.

(B) The governing body, or clerk thereof, of the city shall file a certified copy of the ordinance with the Secretary of State. Upon the filing of the certified copy of the ordinance in the office of the Secretary of State, the territory shall become, and be, a part of the county water authority and shall be a part of the water district for all purposes, and the taxable property therein shall be subject to taxation thereafter for the purposes of the county water authority and of the water district, including the payment of bonds and other obligations of the county water authority at the time authorized or outstanding.

(C) Upon the filing of the certified copy of the ordinance, the Secretary of State shall, within 10 days, issue a certificate, describing the territory, reciting the filing of the certified copy of the ordinance and the annexation of the territory to the county water authority, and declaring that the territory is a part of the county water authority and of the water district. The Secretary of State shall transmit the original of the certificate to the secretary of the county water authority and a duplicate of the original certificate to the clerk of the governing body of the water district, and shall forward a certified copy of the certificate to the county clerk of the county in which the county water authority is situated.

(3) Upon terms and conditions fixed by the board of directors of the county water authority and in the manner provided in subdivision (c), by direct annexation, as a separate unit, of the corporate area of any water district or city.

(4) Upon terms and conditions fixed by the board of directors of the county water authority and in the manner provided in subdivision (d), by annexation to, or consolidation with, any water district, the area of which, in whole or in part, is included within the county water authority as a separate unit; provided that, unless the territory is so annexed to the county water authority with the consent



of the board of directors, the annexation of territory to, or the consolidation of, the territory with the water district does not authorize or entitle the water district or the territory to demand or receive any water from the county water authority for use in the territory; and provided further, that, except where automatic annexation results under the conditions specified in paragraph (2), nothing in this act prevents the annexation of territory to, or the consolidation of territory with, any water district for its local purposes only and without annexing the territory to the county water authority, and the local annexation or consolidation may occur without requesting or obtaining the consent thereto of the board of directors of the county water authority.

(c) The governing body of any water district or city may apply to the board of directors of the county water authority for consent to annex the corporate area of the water district or city to the county water authority. The board of directors may grant or deny the application and, in granting the application, may fix the terms and conditions upon which the corporate area of the water district or city may be annexed to, and become a part of, the county water authority. These terms and conditions may provide, among other things, for the levy by the county water authority of special taxes upon taxable property within the water district or city, in addition to the taxes authorized to be levied by the county water authority by other provisions of this act. In case these terms and conditions provide for the levy of these special taxes, the board of directors, in fixing these terms and conditions, shall specify the aggregate amount to be so raised and the number of years prescribed for raising the aggregate sum, and that substantially equal annual levies will be made for the purpose of raising the sum over the period so prescribed. The action of the board of directors, evidenced by resolution, shall be promptly transmitted to the governing body of the applying water district or city and, if the action grants consent to the annexation, the governing body may thereupon submit, to the qualified electors of the water district or city at any general or special election held therein, the proposition of the annexation subject to the terms and conditions. Notice of the election shall be mailed to each voter qualified to vote at the election and shall be given by posting or publication. When notice is given by posting, the notices shall be posted at least 10 days and in three public places in the water district or city. When notice is given by publication, the notice shall be published in the water district or city pursuant to Section 6061 of the Government Code, at least 10 days before the date fixed for the election. The notice shall contain the substance of the terms and conditions fixed by the board of directors. The election shall be conducted and the returns thereof canvassed in the manner provided by law for elections in the water district or city. If the proposition receives the affirmative vote of a majority of electors of the water district or city voting thereon at the



election, the governing body of the water district or city shall certify the result of the election on the proposition to the board of directors of the county water authority, together with a legal description of the boundaries of the corporate area of the water district or city, accompanied by a map or plat indicating those boundaries. A certificate of proceedings shall be made by the secretary of the county water authority and filed with the Secretary of State. Upon the filing thereof in the office of the Secretary of State, the corporate area of the water district or city shall become, and be, an integral part of the county water authority, and the taxable property therein shall be subject to taxation thereafter for the purposes of the county water authority, including the payment of bonds and other obligations of the county water authority at the time authorized or outstanding, and the board of directors of the county water authority may do all things necessary to enforce and make effective the terms and conditions of annexation fixed as authorized. Upon the filing of the certificate of proceedings, the Secretary of State shall, within 10 days, issue a certificate, reciting the filing of the papers and the annexation of the corporate area of the water district or city to the county water authority. The Secretary of State shall transmit the original of the certificate to the secretary of the county water authority and shall forward a certified copy thereof to the county clerk of the county in which the county water authority is situated.

(1) If a water district applies to a county water authority for consent to annex its corporate area, as a separate unit, the water district shall include as a part of its corporate area the corporate areas of any cities (whether one or more) which are already included within the county water authority, as separate units, or the water district shall include as a part of its corporate area the corporate areas, or portion thereof, already included within the county water authority, of any water districts (whether one or more) whose corporate areas, in whole or in part, are already included within the county water authority as separate units. That fact shall be taken into consideration by the board of directors of the county water authority in fixing the terms and conditions upon which the applying water district may be annexed to the county water authority, to the end that the areas within the unit member cities or water districts which are already a part of the county water authority, shall not be required to assume any greater financial burden or obligation to the county water authority than they would have had if they had remained a part of the county water authority as separate units.

Concurrently with any election called by an applying water district to submit to the qualified electors of the water district the question of whether the terms and conditions fixed by the board of directors of the county water authority for annexation shall be approved, the governing bodies of the unit member cities or water districts may call and hold elections within their respective corporate limits or portions



thereof already included within the county water authority, to determine whether or not the cities or water districts shall withdraw from the county water authority as separate units, and the proposed withdrawal may be made and submitted conditioned upon and effective when the applying water district has finally been annexed to the county water authority.

The effect of the concurrent elections, if a majority of the electors of the applying water district voting thereat vote in favor of annexation, and a majority of the electors of the unit member cities or water districts voting thereat vote in favor of withdrawing, shall be that the annexing water district thereafter shall be authorized to exercise the privileges and to discharge the duties prescribed in this act for public agencies whose areas, as separate units, are included within the county water authority, in place of and instead of the cities or water districts so withdrawing. Notwithstanding Section 11 of this act, the areas within the withdrawing cities or water districts shall remain a part of the county water authority and shall not be excluded therefrom, notwithstanding the fact that the cities or water districts, as corporate entities, have withdrawn from the authority.

If the water district does annex to the county water authority, the directors representing the withdrawing cities or water districts on the board of directors of the county water authority shall continue to act until their successors have been chosen and designated by the appropriate officers of the annexing water district and have qualified as members of the board of directors of the county water authority, after which time the directors representing the withdrawing cities or water districts shall no longer sit or vote on the board.

(2) If a water district applies to a county water authority for consent to annex its corporate area as a separate unit, the water district shall include as a part of its corporate area lands which are in public ownership exempt from taxation by a county water authority, and not within or adjacent to the area within the water district served with water by the district, and which are not to be supplied by the water district with water obtained from, and by reason of, its annexation to the county water authority. That fact may be taken into consideration by the board of directors of the county water authority in fixing the terms and conditions upon which the water district may be annexed to the county water authority and in determining the boundaries of the area to be annexed, and the county water authority may, in the discretion of its board of directors, annex all of the corporate area of the water district as a separate unit excepting that portion consisting of the publicly owned and tax-exempt lands.

(d) The governing body of any water district, the area of which, in whole or in part, is included within a county water authority as a separate unit, may apply to the board of directors of the county water authority for consent to annex to the county water authority territory which the water district seeks to annex to, or consolidate with, the



water district, or territory which, without making the territory a part of the county water authority, already has been annexed to, or consolidated with, the water district. The board of directors may grant or deny the application and, in granting the application, may fix the terms and conditions upon which the territory may be annexed to, and become a part of, the county water authority. The terms and conditions may provide, among other things, for the levy by the county water authority of special taxes upon taxable property within the territory in addition to the taxes authorized to be levied by the county water authority by other provisions of this act. In case the terms and conditions provide for the levy of those special taxes, the board of directors, in fixing those terms and conditions, shall specify the aggregate amount to be so raised and the number of years prescribed for raising that aggregate sum and that substantially equal annual levies will be made for the purpose of raising that sum over the period so prescribed. The action of the board of directors evidenced by resolution shall be promptly transmitted to the governing body of the applying water district and to the executive officer of the local agency formation commission of the county in which the county water authority is situated, who may defer the issuance of a certificate of filing until receipt of that resolution, and if the action grants consent to the annexation, the territory may be annexed to the county water authority as provided in paragraph (1) or (2).

(1) If the territory has not been previously annexed to, or consolidated with, the water district, upon completion of the annexation to, or consolidation with, the water district in compliance with the provisions of law applicable thereto, including this section, the territory shall become and be a part of the county water authority and the taxable property therein shall be subject to taxation thereafter for the purposes of the county water authority, including the payment of bonds and other obligations of the county water authority at the time authorized or outstanding, and the board of directors of the county water authority may do all things necessary to enforce and make effective the terms and conditions of annexation fixed; provided that, if the applicable provisions of law governing the annexation to, or consolidation with the water district require any notice of any election called for the purpose of determining whether the proposed annexation or consolidation shall occur, or shall require any notice of hearing or other notice to be given to the residents or electors of, or owners of property in, the territory, the notice shall contain the substance of the terms and conditions of annexation to the county water authority fixed by the board of directors of the county water authority; and provided further, that the local agency formation commission shall require that the annexation to the water district be subject to the terms and conditions fixed by the board of directors of the county water authority in addition to any other terms



and conditions that may be required by the commission; and provided further, that the executive officer of the local agency formation commission having the duty of preparing, executing, and filing a certificate of completion resulting in the annexation to, or consolidation with, the water district, pursuant to the provisions of law applicable thereto, shall include in the certificate of completion the terms and conditions fixed by the board of directors of the county water authority in accordance with the provisions of this act, and shall file a duplicate of the certificate with the board of directors of the county water authority.

(2) If the territory sought to be annexed to a county water authority has been previously annexed to, or consolidated with, the water district, the governing body of the water district, upon being advised of the action of the board of directors of the county water authority, and if the action grants consent to the annexation, may submit to the qualified electors of the territory, if the territory has 12 or more registered voters, at any general or special election held therein, the proposition of the annexation to the county water authority subject to the terms and conditions fixed by the board of directors of the county water authority. Notice of the election shall be given by publication. When the notice is given by posting, the notice shall be posted at least 10 days and in three public places in the territory. When the notice is given by publication, the notice shall be published in the water district pursuant to Section 6061 of the Government Code at least 10 days before the date fixed for the election. The notice shall contain the substance of the terms and conditions fixed by the board of directors. The election shall be conducted and the returns thereof canvassed by the governing body of the water district in the manner provided by law for elections in the water district. If the proposition receives the affirmative vote of a majority of electors of the territory voting thereon at the election, the governing body of the water district shall certify the result of the election on the proposition to the board of directors of the county water authority. If the territory has less than 12 registered voters, no election shall be required, and, following written notice to each owner of property shown on the last equalized assessment roll and the holding of a hearing not less than 10 days after that notice, the annexation may be approved upon the written consent of the owners of more than 50 percent of the assessed valuation of the territory. A certificate of proceedings shall be made by the secretary of the county water authority and filed with the Secretary of State. Upon the filing thereof in the office of the Secretary of State, the territory shall become, and be, a part of the county water authority, and the taxable property therein shall be subject to taxation thereafter for the purposes of the county water authority, including the payment of bonds and other obligations of the county water authority at the time authorized or outstanding, and the board of directors of the county



water authority may do all things necessary to enforce and make effective the terms and conditions of annexation of the territory to the county water authority fixed by its board of directors. Upon the filing of the certificate of proceedings, the Secretary of State shall, within 10 days, issue a certificate reciting the filing of the papers and the annexation of the territory to the county water authority. The Secretary of State shall transmit the original of the certificate to the secretary of the county water authority and shall forward a certified copy thereof to the county clerk of the county in which the county water authority is situated.

(e) Should the corporate area, or all portions thereof already included within a county water authority, of any water district or city, the corporate area of which, in whole or in part, already is included within the county water authority as a separate unit, annex to a water district or city the corporate area of which, in whole or in part, already is a part of the county water authority as a separate unit, upon the completion of the annexation pursuant to the law pertaining thereto, the water district or city, the corporate area (or portions thereof) of which is so annexed, shall automatically cease to be a separate unit member of the county water authority, but the corporate area (or portions thereof) shall remain a part of the county water authority as a part of the unit member water district or city to which it was annexed. The executive officer of the local agency formation commission having the duty of preparing, executing, and filing the certificate of completion shall file, in addition to any other filings that may be required by law, a duplicate of the certificate with the board of directors of the county water authority.

Should any water district or city, the corporate area of which, in whole or in part, already is included within a county water authority as a separate unit, consolidate with a water district or city the corporate area of which, in whole or in part, already is a part of the county water authority as a separate unit, under the provisions of any law by the terms of which, after consolidation, a new district or city will result and the former water districts or cities participating in the consolidation shall no longer exist, the resulting new water district or city shall be substituted for the water districts or cities whose corporate existence has been terminated by the consolidation as a unit member of the county water authority, and the corporate areas (or portions thereof) of the former water district or cities shall remain a part of the county water authority as a part of the consolidation. The executive officer of the local agency formation commission having the duty of preparing, executing, and filing a certificate of completion shall file, in addition to any other filings that may be required by law, a duplicate of the certificate with the board of directors of the county water authority.

(f) The validity of any proceedings for the annexation to any county water authority organized under this act, of the corporate



area of a water district or city as a separate unit, or of territory annexed to, or consolidated with, a water district or city which, as a unit, has been included within a county water authority, shall not be contested in any action unless the action has been brought within three months after the completion of the annexation or, in case the annexation is completed prior to the time that this subdivision takes effect, then within three months after this subdivision became effective.

(g) Whenever territory is annexed to or consolidated with any water district, the corporate area of which, as a unit, has become a part of any county water authority organized under this act, regardless of whether the territory is annexed to and becomes a part of the county water authority, or whenever territory is annexed to any city under the conditions specified in paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (b), or whenever territory previously annexed to any city is annexed to the county water authority under the conditions specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), the governing or legislative body, or clerk thereof, of the water district or city, shall file with the board of directors of the county water authority a statement of the change of boundaries of the water district or city, setting forth the legal description of the boundaries of the water district or city, as so changed, and of the part thereof within the county water authority, which statement shall be accompanied by a map or plat indicating those boundaries.

(h) The inclusion in a county water authority of the corporate area, in whole or in part, of any municipal water district, municipal utility district, public utility district, county water district, irrigation district, or other public corporation or agency of the state of similar character, referred to in Section 2, shall not destroy the identity or legal existence or impair the powers of any municipal water district, municipal utility district, public utility district, county water district, irrigation district, or other public corporation or agency of the state of similar character, notwithstanding the identity of purpose or substantial identity of purpose of the county water authority.

(i) In determining the number of members of the board of directors of a county water authority organized under this act from the component public agencies, the corporate areas of which, in whole or in part, are included as units within the county water authority, there shall be considered only the assessed valuation of the property taxable for county water authority purposes lying in the public agencies and in the county water authority. The directors shall be appointed by the chief executive officers, with the consent and approval of the governing bodies, of the component public agencies, respectively, without regard to whether the chief executive officers or members of the governing bodies have been chosen from, or represent, areas of their respective public agencies which lie outside of the county water authority. The phrase “any water district, the



corporate area of which is included within the county water authority” and the phrase “each city, the area of which shall be a part of any county water authority incorporated under this act,” and like phrases, used elsewhere in this act, shall be deemed to mean and refer to any water district or city, the corporate area of which, either in whole or in part, is included within the county water authority, but the duties and obligations of the county water authority shall extend only to that part of the corporate area of the water district or city which lie within the county water authority. As to the water district, city, or public agency, the corporate area of which lies partly within and partly without the county water authority, the word “therein” and the phrase “within the city” and like words and phrases, used elsewhere in this act, shall be deemed to mean and refer to that part of the corporate area of the water district, city, or public agency which lies within the county water authority. The charges for water supplied by the county water authority to any component public agency, pursuant to its request, shall be and become an obligation of the public agency, regardless of whether the entire corporate area of the public agency is included within the county water authority, and the county water authority, in administrative and contractual matters, shall deal with the chief executive officers and governing bodies and other proper officials of the component public agencies as chosen or constituted under applicable laws governing the respective public agencies.

SEC. 3. Section 10.2 of the County Water Authority Act (Chapter 545 of the Statutes of 1943) is amended to read:

Sec. 10.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, territory within a federal military reservation may be annexed to any county water authority organized hereunder as a single member of an authority in the manner provided in this section. As used in this section, “federal military reservation” or “military reservation” means a single federal military reservation or separate but contiguous federal military reservations which are jointly annexed to a county water authority as a single member agency of an authority.

(b) Proceedings for the annexation of a military reservation shall be initiated by the adoption by the board of directors of an authority of a resolution proposing annexation of a military reservation to an authority as a member of an authority.

(c) The resolution proposing the annexation may provide that the annexation shall include one or more separate areas, which may be separately identified for assessing and tax collecting purposes, and that each such area may be subject to one or more of the following terms and conditions:

(1) The fixing and establishment of priorities for the use of, or right to use, water, or capacity rights in any public improvement or facilities, and the determination of, or limitation on, the quantity of, the purposes for which, and the places where, water may be



delivered by the authority to the military reservation for military purposes and uses incidental thereto, as well as for nonmilitary purposes.

(2) The levying by the authority of special taxes upon any private leasehold, possessory interest or other taxable property within the territory annexed, and the imposition and collection of special fees or charges prior to such annexation.

(3) Should portions of any area annexed hereunder be subsequently made available for nonmilitary purposes not in existence at the time of the annexation of such area, the board of directors of the authority may impose new terms and conditions for any subsequent service of water, directly or indirectly, by the authority to such area, including the separation of such an area for assessing and tax collecting purposes and the levying by the authority of special taxes on such portions.

(4) The effective date of the annexation.

(5) Any other matters necessary or incidental to any of the foregoing.

(d) A certified copy of the resolution proposing annexation shall be sent to the official in authority over the military reservation. If the military reservation consents in writing to the annexation and to the terms and conditions established by the board of directors, the board may, by resolution, order the annexation to the authority of the territory situated within the military reservation, subject to said terms and conditions.

(e) A certificate of proceedings taken hereunder shall be made by the secretary of the authority and filed with the Secretary of State. Upon the filing in his or her office of the certificate of proceedings, the Secretary of State shall, within 10 days, issue a certificate reciting the filing of such papers in his or her office and the annexation of the territory to the authority. The Secretary of State shall transmit the original of said certificate to the secretary of the authority and shall forward a certified copy thereof to the county clerk of each county in which the authority is situated.

(f) Upon the filing of the certificate of proceedings with the Secretary of State, or upon the effective date of the annexation provided for in the terms and conditions, whichever is later, the territory within the military reservation shall become and be an integral part of the authority, and the taxable property therein shall be subject to taxation thereafter for the purposes of said authority, including the payment of bonds and other obligations of the authority at the time authorized or outstanding, and the board of directors of the authority shall be empowered to do all things necessary to enforce and make effective the terms and conditions of annexation fixed as herein above authorized.

(g) On and after the effective date of the annexation, the military reservation shall be a separate unit member of the authority and shall



be entitled to one representative on the board of directors of the authority. For the purposes of this act, a military reservation shall be deemed to be a public agency. The representative shall be designated and appointed by the official in authority over the military reservation, shall hold office for a term of six years or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, and may be recalled by that official.

(h) The transfer of ownership of the fee title of a military reservation, or of any portion thereof, to nonmilitary ownership after annexation to the authority pursuant to this section shall result in the automatic exclusion from the authority of the territory transferred to such ownership.

(i) If a county water authority is a member public agency of a metropolitan water district organized under the Metropolitan Water District Act (Chapter 200 of the Statutes of 1969), such metropolitan water district may impose any or all of the terms and conditions that may be imposed by a county water authority pursuant to subdivisions (a) through (h) of this section in any resolution fixing the terms and conditions for the concurrent annexation of territory in a military reservation.

SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district are the result of a program for which legislative authority was requested by that local agency or school district, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

