

WATER CONSERVATION AND FLOOD CONTROL

1. Lake Skinner will impound water from the Drainage Basin every time there is Local Runoff. Because of this incidental storage characteristic and the dampening of Local Runoff intensity by the averaged rate of Release, a measure of flood control and water conservation will be provided the downstream parties. Moreover, in the event of a major flood the limit of Metropolitan's discharge facilities will also dampen Local Runoff intensity. This regulation is inherent in Metropolitan's facilities and the benefit thereof is derived by the downstream water users.

2. Metropolitan did not construct the Project for the purpose of flood control, and does not intend to allocate any Storage Capacity in the Reservoir for flood control. However, Metropolitan will normally have some Storage Space available during the mid-winter months and therefore could provide flood control and conservation storage to the extent that it does not conflict with the primary function of the Reservoir. Such Storage Space provides the possibility of water conservation and most beneficial use of flood waters.

3. Due to Metropolitan's operational commitments, such services as those mentioned above cannot be guaranteed. However, for due consideration Metropolitan is prepared to provide such services when consistent with the principle function of the Reservoir.