

**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**AUGUST 2, 2001 – Water Resources**  
McDonald, Little

**AUGUST 27, 2001 - Board Meeting**

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT/DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
GRANT AGREEMENT FOR RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D) ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY:

The District is an active member of the Desalination Research and Innovation Partnership (DRIP) and it will be receiving a Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant (Year 2000 Proposition 13 Water Bond) of approximately \$4.3 million dollars, which the District's portion will be about \$565,000 towards funding the four R&D projects. The four R&D projects the District will be conducting will be:

1. Investigating microfiltration cleaning procedures
2. Emerging contaminant removal efficiencies
3. Investigating reverse osmosis antiscalant procedures
4. Low-pressure microfiltration operations – phase I

The R&D activities are to take place over the next three years.

District staff has recently received a draft contract agreement to perform the R&D activities described above from the DWR and Metropolitan Water District (MWD), who is the main contractor. Attached as Exhibit A is the draft agreement. District staff requests that the Board authorize the General Manager to sign the DWR grant agreement as a subcontractor to MWD.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds to perform the R&D projects are available in the FY 2001-02 Water Recycling Research and Development Program budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on August 2, 2001 and was recommended for approval. This item was agendized to the August 27, 2001 Board meeting for action.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Authorize the General Manager to sign the grant agreement for DWR funding, which is passed through MWD.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Draft Agreement

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