

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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INFORMATION ITEM

RECYCLED WATER CUSTOMER DEVELOPMENT UPDATESUMMARY:Customer Development Consultants

To introduce potential recycled water customers to recycled water and WBMWD's consultants, a joint letter from WBMWD and the purveyor was discussed with the purveyors, California Water Service Company (CWSC) and Southern California Water Company (SCWC). Both agreed in principle to the joint letter. Unfortunately, delays have arisen due to: 1) CWSC's need for a greater understanding of the use of the information they were asked to provide (e.g. name of contacts at the various customer sites); and 2) SCWC's staff's lack of available time to develop the information requested.

CWSC has recently provided the information necessary to prepare the letters that will be mailed by November 16. In the meantime, WBMWD staff has asked the consultants (Tetra Tech, RBF and Water 3 Engineering) to begin their efforts without the benefit of the letter. If the information can be received and letters prepared in time to be of value, they will be sent.

Toyota (Torrance)

The City of Torrance (Torrance) has been planning on resurfacing 190th Street between Prairie Avenue and Van Ness Boulevard. Earlier this year, Torrance asked WBMWD if it intended to construct facilities in 190th Street east of Exxon/Mobil. Toyota was the only prospect in the area. Toyota, Torrance and WBMWD met to discuss the potential use of recycled water at Toyota's existing and future facilities on 190th Street and Western Avenue. At that time, Toyota expressed interest but did not feel that Toyota could execute an agreement in time to meet Torrance's resurfacing project schedule. Based on that, WBMWD wrote a letter to Torrance indicating that it would not pursue construction activities in the subject area for at least five years.

Toyota continued to contact WBMWD about the use of recycled water while Toyota tried to quantify its estimated annual consumption. Recently there have been several meetings between Toyota, Torrance, and WBMWD to obtain a commitment from Toyota and an understanding of the financial arrangement for this venture. Torrance has indicated there is still a limited window of opportunity to construct a recycled water pipeline as a part of

its resurfacing project. WBMWD staff has begun to develop the main points for an agreement between Toyota, Torrance, and WBMWD for this project.

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La Brea Avenue (Inglewood)

The City of Inglewood (Inglewood) contacted WBMWD about the possible use of recycled water to irrigate future medians in La Brea Avenue between Manchester Boulevard and Century Boulevard. WBMWD will meet with Inglewood representatives to determine the anticipated recycled water consumption and timing for the project. With that, WBMWD staff will assess the economic viability of this project and convey the results to Inglewood.

Rainbow Trucking (Carson)

Rainbow Trucking is a truck washing facility located in the City of Carson adjacent to WBMWD's Carson Regional Water Reclamation Plant. The owner of Rainbow Trucking expressed interest in using recycled water to wash the inside of trucks that carry various chemicals. WBMWD staff met with the owner of Rainbow Trucking and a representative of Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to review the site and discuss the measures necessary to convert the site to using recycled water. Due to the customer's expense to replumb the systems as well as relocate the backflow protection device, Rainbow Trucking's owner elected not to pursue the use of recycled water further. A letter summarizing the results of the effort will be sent to Rainbow Trucking's owner.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

None required.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on November 8, 2001 and agendized to the November 26, 2001 Board meeting as an information item.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is for information only.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

None.