

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

DECEMBER 6, 2001 – Water Resources
 McDonald, Little

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ACTION CALENDAR

TITLE 22 GROUNDWATER MONITORING LABORATORY CONTRACT

SUMMARY:

The District administers a voluntary program that provides well sampling, analysis and reporting services to participating retail water utilities through a local certified laboratory under contract to the District. These services assist agencies within the District’s service area to comply with State and Federal drinking water quality monitoring regulations. The sampling and laboratory services are paid on a reimbursable basis through the agencies that use this service.

A “Request for Proposal” (RFP) for sampling, analytical and reporting services was sent to eight local certified laboratories. Three of the eight laboratories responded to the RFP.

Proposal Evaluations

Criteria for evaluating laboratory proposals include price, services provided, references, and experience with drinking water programs of similar size and complexity. Based on the above criteria, Michelson Laboratories was disqualified from consideration. It was determined that Michelson did not bid on all compliance tests, referenced inappropriate methods, could not perform many of the drinking water analyses needed for the program, and lacked the experience in full service drinking water testing. The table below shows a cost comparison of the three laboratories.

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 BASIN-WIDE TITLE 22 GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM
 2002-2003 BID COMPARISON**

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\$ 247,814.00	\$ 243,858.00	\$ 284,817.00

The two remaining laboratories, Weck Laboratories and Babcock Laboratories, are certified for drinking water analyses and have extensive experience in conducting complex monitoring programs similar to the District's program. Both laboratories were interviewed by a selection panel composed of representatives from the following agencies participating in the monitoring program:

- Montebello Land & Water Co.
- Park Water Co.
- City of Vernon

Agencies who could not participate in the interviews were provided with bid summaries and encouraged to submit comments. The panel interviewed Weck and Babcock Labs on November 29, 2001. The panel recommended Weck Labs based on the proposal evaluation criteria discussed above (see Exhibit "A").

FISCAL IMPACTS:

These services are budgeted for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, with all costs reimbursable through the participating agencies.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on December 6, 2001. Staff recommended Weck Laboratories for the Title 22 Monitoring Program in the amount of \$243,858.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a two-year contract with Weck Laboratories in the amount of \$243,858 to provide regulatory compliance sampling and analytical services in support of the Cooperative Basin-wide Title 22 Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program.

EXHIBIT "A"

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MICHELSON LABS # DRINKING WATER CLIENT REFERENCES	WECK LABS # DRINKING WATER CLIENT REFERENCES	BABCOCK LABS # DRINKING WATER CLIENT REFERENCES
0	5	5
	MWD	RANCHO CLAIFORNIA WATER DIST.
	MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN	WESTERN MUNIC. WATER DIST.
	CENTRAL BAIN/WEST BASIN	EASTERN MUNIC. WATER DIST.
	CITY OF POMONA	CITY OF ONTARIO
	SAN GABRIEL WATER CO.	CAL. DEPT. WATER RESOURCES

MICHELSON LABS # SUBCONTRACTED TESTS NEEDED	WECK LABS # SUBCONTRACTED TESTS NEEDED	BABCOCK LABS # SUBCONTRACTED TESTS NEEDED
11	4	4

THE INTERVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDS WECK LABORATORIES