

**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT****NOVEMBER 6, 2002 – Water Resources**

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**NOVEMBER 25, 2002 – Board Meeting**

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INFORMATION CALENDAR

SEAWATER BARRIER WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT: PHASE IVRegulatory Compliance:

The Department of Health Services (DHS) public hearing is December 10, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. at the El Segundo Library. The 30-day notice for the public hearing will be published on November 10 in numerous print media outlets. The tentative agenda includes a presentation by DHS, West Basin staff, a representative from the expert advisory panel, other interested parties and followed by comments from the public. Following the meeting, DHS will consider both oral and written comments by the public and then provide their written recommendations to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). The Regional Board will then begin to prepare the draft permit. The Regional Board process will take 3-6 months.

In addition, staff is continuing to address the DHS issue of future liability or responsibility of possible contamination of potable drinking water wells associated with the Project's delivered water quality.

Staff continues to work with DHS on their new draft groundwater recharge regulations, and in the development of the Project's overall water quality and groundwater monitoring plans.

Proposition 13 Grant Application

DWR staff has indicated that grant applications are due in March 2003. Staff is working closely with the District's lobbyist to pursue additional "Letters of Support" with emphasis on increasing the legislative support letters. Similar to last year, without penalty, requests can cover up to 50% of the cost of the capital facilities.

In December, staff will request a Board resolution supporting the submittal of the Proposition 13 Grant application.

WRD Contract

On October 25, WRD transmitted revisions to the 20-year purchase agreement. Staff comments will be provided to the Board's Ad Hoc Committee.

Public Relations

The present emphasis is on preparing for the December 10 DHS public hearing, Project support letters for the Proposition 13 grant funding, review of the District's current and new brochure's to ensure message consistency, and preparation of a "standard" PowerPoint presentation.

Design Engineering Services

The Phase IV Expansion Project is currently in the Preliminary Design stage and is proceeding forward on schedule. Several aspects of the Project will need to be addressed and completed as part of the overall design, bidding, and construction process. The following is an overview of the Phase IV Expansion milestones and Project requirements.

Milestones

<u>Item</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>
• Feasibility Study	Completed	August 2002
• Preliminary Design Report	Beginning Date	August 2002
• Project Management Services RFP	Advertise	November 2002
• Design Build RFP	Advertise	November 2002
• Project Management Services Contract	Award	January 2003
• Design Build RFP	Advertise	January 2003
• Design Build Contract	Award	May 2003
• Barrier Water System	Operational	July 2004
• Title 22 Water System	Operational	January 2005

Monthly updates on Project status, along with necessary action items, will be presented to the Board throughout the Project's duration. Financial requirements will be addressed separately in upcoming months as required.

RO Pretreatment / UV Treatment Pilot Testing

Pilot testing of UV equipment and Microfiltration/Ultrafiltration membrane systems has been completed. Results will be submitted by each vendor and reviewed by staff this month.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The FY 2002-03 budget programs include designated funds in the Capital Improvement budget to achieve the aforementioned Project activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

The Board has authorized staff to engage consulting services for developing the documents to comply with the CEQA and NEPA requirements.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on November 6, 2002 and agendaed to the November 25, 2002 Board meeting as information.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is for information only.