

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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INFORMATION CALENDAR

OCEAN WATER DESALINATION UPDATESUMMARY:**Ocean-Water Desalination Coalition**

The Ocean Water Coalition visited Washington, D.C. to prepare the administration, legislators and key committee staff for next years introduction of a seawater desalination bill. Bennett Raley, Department of the Interior Assistant-Secretary, summed up the Administration's response, "We fully support Seawater Desalination and all of your efforts; however, money is going to be tight." Participants from West Basin, Central Basin, Los Angeles, MWDOC, SDCWA and MWD attended; Directors Kwan and Smith, attended for West Basin.

Demonstration Plant Operations

The status of the Demonstration Plant's National Water Research Institute (NWRI) research was presented to the NWRI Technical Advisory Panel comprised of over 30 experts within the water industry. The demonstration project research data collected to date was presented as part of this November 1 Quarterly Review Meeting held in Chicago. As stipulated in the NWRI funding agreement, West Basin is to present the status of NWRI funded research to their Technical Advisory Panel on a quarterly basis throughout the duration of the research efforts.

Activities

Since the last Board update was prepared, Staff has been active in pursuing ocean-water desalination efforts. The key activities are summarized below.

- October 17 & 18 The Ocean-Water Desalination Coalition and MWD staff traveled to Washington, D.C. to set the stage for future funding strategies.
- October 23 Staff gave a tour of the Demonstration Plant to officials for the Texas Water Development Board.
- October 28 Staff gave a tour of the Demonstration Plant to a delegation from the China Investigation, Design & Research Institute

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds are budgeted in the FY 2002-03 CIP Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Environmental Study activities are proceeding on schedule.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This Item is for information only.

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