

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

JUNE 4, 2003 - Water Resources

Little, Kwan

JUNE 23, 2003 - Board Meeting

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## INFORMATION CALENDAR

SEAWATER BARRIER WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT UPDATESUMMARY:**Barrier Agreement**

WRD delivered the agreement to the District on June 4, 2003 and legal counsel concurred it is legally certified even in the absence of one co-signer's signature, Director Goldsworthy. This timely delivery allowed for its inclusion in the grant application due to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on June 5, 2003.

**Proposition 13 Grant Application**

Totaling over five boxes of documents, the grant application was submitted to DWR, by the June 5, 2003 deadline. A number of Department's and their staff directly contributed to the development of the massive documents. The grant request amounted to 50% of the capital expansion project or \$17 million. A thank you to the staff that directly contributed to its preparation:

Lead:            Fernando Paludi  
                  Harvey De La Torre  
                  Marc Serna  
                  Sharon Koike  
                  Suja Lowenthal  
                  Uzi Daniel  
                  Wyatt Won

**Next Steps**

The engineering department is now proceeding with the Design-Build "Request for Proposals" process. In the regulatory front, staff is closely monitoring the draft permit language that is being considered by the staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Dominguez Gap Barrier Recycled Water Project. That permit, most likely, will contain precedent setting language that may impact West Basin's permit. To our knowledge, the permit has been taken off calendar on at least two occasions, and it is unclear as to when it will be re-calendared.

Staff is also planning a mid-August meeting to present to State Department of Health Services (DHS) its new groundwater monitoring approach and plan.

Staff has also been informed that by the end of June, DHS plans on issuing its own new draft regulations that will include new language and criteria for monitoring of new or emerging (unregulated) contaminants.

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 June 4, 2003 and agendaized to the June 23, 2003 Board meeting as information for discussion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is for information only.