

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

AUGUST 4, 2004 - Water Resources
 McDonald, Little
AUGUST 23, 2004 - Board Meeting
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INFORMATION CALENDAR

WATER FOR PEOPLE (WFP)

SUMMARY:

Safe drinking water, basic health, hygiene education, and sanitation facilities are nonexistent for impoverished people in the developing countries throughout the world. WHO/UNICEF estimates that the combination of these conditions results in 6,000 deaths everyday (nearly 2.2 million each year) - mostly children.

In response, a dedicated handful of North American water professionals from the American Water Works Association (AWWA) established WFP in 1991. They saw this as a natural extension of what their 57,000 members already do on a daily basis -- bring safe, sufficient drinking water to their own communities.

WFP is now an international, nonprofit, development organization run through AWWA committed to the long-term impact of increased access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation and health. Millions of dollars have been raised by local water professional organizations, agencies, and individuals in the U.S. to help bring the poorest communities around the world access to clean drinking water.

Uzi Daniel of West Basin was selected to accompany WFP to tour Malawi, Africa, where many clean water projects are needed.

MALAWI FACTS				
Population	Per Capita Income	Life Expectancy	Access to Water	Geography
11.5 million	US \$ 170 per year	40 years	57% population	Landlocked South

As past chair of AWWA Cal-Nevada WFP, she will get to view and work on some of the projects many caring professionals have conducted fundraisers for and donated money to.

By North American standards, WFP work is simple, yet life-saving:

- Community hand pumps;
- School hand-washing stations;
- Gravity-fed water systems;
- Household latrines; and
- Health and hygiene education.

WFP helps people help themselves!

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on August 4, 2004 and agendized to the August 23, 2004 Board meeting as information for discussion.

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

This item is for information only.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Invitation Letter from Water for People

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