

**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**OCTOBER 6, 2004 - Water Resources**  
Little, Kwan

**OCTOBER 25 2004 - Board Meeting**

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INFORMATION CALENDAR

SEAWATER BARRIER WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

The last remaining issue in the Facts of Finding (FOF) is related to source control. Staff has met with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation to discuss an outstanding issue in the FOF as well as regular correspondence with DHS regarding source control. Source Control is currently the only outstanding issue.

The Bureau is concerned about being "named" or being a "co-permittee" in West Basin's permit as well as being compelled to implement a larger source control program. Their current source control program is EPA approved and enforced through NPDES monitoring requirements. The Department of Health Services (DHS) would like the source control program to be expanded to include all drinking water standards monitored to meet drinking water standards before they enter the Hyperion Treatment Plant. The Bureau states that not only would this incur huge unrecoverable costs for them, but would also compel local businesses to make claims to the City Council. The City would not support such a burdensome "voluntary" expanded program.

West Basin in cooperation with the Bureau has agreed to develop a Source Control Implementation Program that will assess the fate of the source contaminant compounds, conduct a source investigation and monitoring program focused on the identified DHS target compounds, conduct a comprehensive outreach program, and develop a proactive program for maintaining an inventory of compounds. This would have to be approved by DHS before the expanded Barrier operation would proceed.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds are included in the Barrier Compliance budget for fiscal year 2004-05.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on October 6, 2004 and agendaized to the October 25, 2004 Board meeting as information for discussion.

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

This item is for information only.

EXHIBITS:

None.