

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

APRIL 12, 2005 – Water Resources

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APRIL 25, 2005 – Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (IRWMP)
AND CITY OF MALIBU "REQUEST FOR FUNDS" (RFF)

SUMMARY:

Staff has been participating in the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan), led by the City of Malibu (City), which consists of various stakeholders (collectively, the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds Regional Water Management Group (Group). A Plan is a requirement for eligibility to receive grant funds under Chapter 8 of Proposition 50. Separately, the City is currently updating its annual "Living Lightly Guide," which contains information about the various conservation and environmental programs available to residents. The City has requested Group participants to contribute between \$5,000 and \$7,500 to help pay for both a consultant to prepare the Plan and associated grant applications, and the Living Lightly Guide. The benefits of each contribution are explained below.

Malibu Plan Consultant

The City has hired Raines, Melton & Carella, Inc. (RMC) to prepare one Planning Grant proposal, due in May, and one Implementation Grant proposal, due in July, for a total cost of \$45,000. The following stakeholders have contributed:

- City of Malibu;
- City of Calabasas;
- County of Los Angeles Public Works;
- County of Los Angeles Beaches & Harbors; and
- Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

As a participating agency, staff is seeking approval to contribute \$5,000 towards the cost of the consultant.

The Project that West Basin is submitting entails an irrigation controller system in the City of Malibu, which helps to conserve 20-50% of potable water and reduces runoff by up to 70%; thereby, enhancing the quality of the water that drains into the North Santa Monica Bay. This Project will seek funding for the purchase and installation of approximately 2,000 – 3,000 controllers. Staff is currently working with the City of Malibu and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works – Waterworks No. 29 to identify suitable sites to install the devices. If successful in obtaining grant funds, the District will offer the program to schools, parks, facilities, and large residential customers with a lot size of one acre or greater. Also, as part of this project, water runoff monitoring equipment will be installed to track the effectiveness of the controllers in reducing runoff. The District has full support from the City, local water retailers, and the agencies involved with the integrated regional plan.

Living Lightly Guide

The City recently provided the District with an opportunity to be included in the guide. Information on West Basin's conservation and education programs are now included. The total cost to develop the guide is approximately \$16,000. The City has secured funding from most of the organizations that are participating in the Proposition 50 IRWM Planning located within the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed area. Therefore, the City is also seeking funding from the District. Staff is proposing to contribute \$2,500 to help pay for the cost of the guide.

By participating in both these efforts, staff is building stronger relationships with the City of Malibu and the agencies located in the North Santa Monica Bay area.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds for these activities are designated in the Water Resources and Planning Budget for fiscal year 2004-05.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resource Committee on April 12, 2005 and recommended for approval at the April 25, 2005 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the Co-General Managers to contribute a total of \$7,500 for Proposition 50 grant applications to the City of Malibu.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - 2003-04 "Living Lightly Guide" (Handout)

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