

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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 DECEMBER 19, 2005 - Board Meeting
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ACTION CALENDAR

GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)
APPROVAL OF CONSULTING SERVICES

SUMMARY:

The District has been working with four other sub-regions within Los Angeles County to develop an IRWMP with the \$1.5 million State funding that has been awarded to the region. The five sub-regions include the North Santa Monica Bay Watersheds, the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed, the Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds, and the South Bay Watersheds.

These five sub-regions will continue to function on a sub-regional level, each with its own governance structure. Representatives from each of the sub-regional Steering Committees will participate in the Leadership Committee that is the overarching decision-making body for the Greater Los Angeles County region.

CONSULTING PROCESS

The District issued a “Request for Qualifications” (RFQ) on October 28, 2005 to 28 consulting firms to develop the IRWMP. The RFQ was reviewed by numerous stakeholders prior to issuance for additional input. The District received two proposals from:

- Camp, Dresser and McKee (CDM) and Team; and
- Brown and Caldwell and Team.

Staff and Leadership Committee representatives reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews on November 23 with each of the consulting teams. The panel included representatives from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation Districts, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles County Public Works, Flood Control Division, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, West Basin, and Central Basin. The review and selection process was based on the firm’s personnel involved with each sub-region, approach to the project, understanding of services, prior experience with multi-agency projects, and resource allocation to complete the project. Based upon that process, the Leadership Committee has recommended Brown & Caldwell to provide consulting services for the IRWMP.

Development of the IRWMP will begin December 2005 for the Greater Los Angeles County Region that must be adopted by the end of December 2006 in order to comply with the regulations of this program within Proposition 50, and be eligible for project funding. In addition to the \$148 million in the current round of project funding, \$220 million will become available next year in the second round of funding.

CONSULTANT FEE AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

The consultant "Scope of Work" includes both preparation of the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP, and preparation of the "Step 2 Application" for funding of the consolidated set of projects for the Region. The \$1.5 million awarded by the State can only be applied towards preparation of the IRWMP. Funds for the Step 2 application, as well as any funding needed for the development of the Plan in excess of \$1.5 million, must be contributed by Regional stakeholders including the District and other Leadership Committee members.

The State award of \$1.5 million will be received by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District that serves as the Program Manager for the development of the IRWMP. The County will reimburse West Basin (and Central Basin) through an agreement between all three parties currently under negotiation. Staff will seek authorization from both Boards to execute this agreement by January 2006.

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

B&C Budget for IRWMP:	\$2,000,000*
State Planning Grant:	\$1,500,000
WBMWD Contribution:	\$50,000**
Other Regional Contributions:	<u>\$650,000***</u>
Total IRWMP Budget:	\$2,200,000 (Includes 10% Contingency)

* final budget transmitted December 5, 2005

** included in this staff recommendation

*** letters of commitment expected by December 15, 2005 (Exhibit A)

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The funds to be authorized by the Board will be drawn from the Operating Fund to pay consultant invoices pending reimbursement from the County with state grant funds. Prior District authorization of \$50,000 was designated within the Water Resources Planning Program Budget and will be used in conjunction with other agency contributions to fund additional consultant activities within the "Scope of Work", including the Step 2 Application for project funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on December 6, 2005 and was recommended for approval at the December 19, 2005 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the Co-General Managers to:

1. Execute an agreement with Brown & Caldwell for the development of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000; and
2. Contribute up to \$50,000 to fund the consultant's work on non-reimbursable elements of the IRWMP and Step 2 of the Implementation Grant.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Letters of Commitment (Handout)

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