

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

JANUARY 10, 2006 - Water Resources

Little, Baker

JANUARY 23, 2006 - Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

RECYCLED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT EXTENSION

SUMMARY:

At the September 2005 Board meeting, staff was directed to negotiate a contract with California Water Services Company (Cal Water) to continue operating and maintaining the District's recycled water distribution system that currently has about 70 miles of distribution pipeline. Cal Water has an intimate knowledge of the District's system and has been operating and maintaining the system since 1995. The current contract with Cal Water is a not-to-exceed annual contract amount of \$343,092 and expires February 2006.

Consultant Study

A consultant was retained under the Co-General Managers' authority to assess and evaluate the service being provided to the District by Cal Water. Recommendations from this evaluation and report are expected to be incorporated into the negotiations of a contract extension with Cal Water.

Month-to-Month Contract Extension

Staff is recommending that the current contract with Cal Water be amended to a month-to-month basis after February 28, 2006. The additional time will accommodate the completion of the abovementioned consultant study and for staff to further negotiate a contract extension with Cal Water. Staff anticipates that terms of a longer contract extension will be presented for consideration to the Water Resources Committee as soon as the consultant study is completed and the recommendations are incorporated into negotiations with Cal Water.

There are funds remaining in the current contract with Cal Water that will cover the month-to-month amendment to the current contract. As soon as a negotiated contract is completed with Cal Water, staff will present it to the Board for approval.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds are available in the Operations and Maintenance Budget for fiscal year 2005-06.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

The item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on January 10, 2006 and was recommended for approval at the January 23, 2006 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board directs the Co-General Managers to amend the current operations and maintenance contract with Cal Water to a month-to-month basis after February 28, 2006 until the consultant study is complete and staff's negotiations for a contract extension are completed with Cal Water; no additional funds are required.