

**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**APRIL 13, 2006 – Water Resources**  
 Little, Baker

**APRIL 24, 2006 – Board Meeting**

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**CONSULTANT SERVICES – CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY:**

The District has been working with the Greater Los Angeles County Region (Region) to develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) with the \$1.5 million State funding that has been awarded to the Region. The five sub-regions that are involved in this effort 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.

The consultant team of Brown and Caldwell (B&C) has been working on this effort since December 2005. Their current contract and “Scope of Work” was authorized by West Basin and Central Basin in the amount of \$1,100,000 each, for a total not-to-exceed \$2,200,000. (The B&C contract is for \$2,037,330, excluding contingency).

The source of funds for the Appropriation is from each District’s General Fund (\$1,100,000 each District) to be reimbursed by State Grant funds and contributions by several other participating agencies in the IRWMP process, as shown below:

State Grant Amount	\$1,500,000
Agency Contributions To Date	+950,000
<b>Total Funds to Date</b>	<b>\$2,450,000</b>
Less Original Appropriation	-\$2,200,000
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

As Agreement Administrator, staff is requesting an increase of \$125,000 from West Basin and will also request \$125,000 from Central Basin (total of \$250,000) to the original appropriation for the following reasons:

- 1) To date, more contributions have been committed than were anticipated at the time of the original appropriation; and
- 2) The Leadership Committee, the decision-making body for the Region, is approving several “change orders” to the consultant Agreement that collectively will exceed the original appropriation but is within the increased appropriation.

Staff is also requesting the flexibility to process changes to the Agreement scope and budget as long as the changes are approved by the Leadership Committee (see Exhibit “A”), within the revised appropriation, and consistent with the goals of the original Agreement scope.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds for these activities will be covered by the funding contributions. There are no additional financial contributions being requested from the Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on April 13, 2006 and was recommended for approval at the April 24, 2006 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the District's Chief Representative to:

1. Amend the existing agreement with B&C for an additional \$125,000 and the ability to process changes to the Agreement Scope and Budget as approved by the Leadership Committee within the revised appropriation; and
2. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the B&C agreement that establishes a standard billing format for invoices and includes language clarifying the roles of the Districts and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Flood Control District with respect to administration of the Agreement, and who may authorize changes to scope and budget.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Amendment No.1