

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

MAY 9, 2006 - Water Resources
Little, Baker

MAY 22, 2006 - Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICES COMPANY**

SUMMARY:

At the February Board meeting, staff was directed to negotiate a contract with California Water Service Company (Cal Water) to continue operating and maintaining the District's recycled water system that currently has about 70 miles of distribution pipeline. Cal Water is currently operating and maintaining the recycled water system on a month-to-month basis at the direction of the Board. Cal Water has an intimate knowledge of the District's system and has been operating and maintaining the system since 1995.

Contract Terms

The attached draft agreement (Exhibit "A") is the result of negotiations among staff and legal counsels for both the District and Cal Water. The terms and conditions of the draft agreement are similar to the existing agreement, but also include additional language to further incorporate the following items into the "Scope of Services":

- Provide Incident Response Plans for major pipeline breaks, valve breaks, and other leaks;
- Document procedures for the valve exercising program, annual visual inspections, cross-connection testing, and water quality sampling;
- Submit monthly reports describing activities during the month and status updates on annual goals;
- Perform annual visual inspections and periodic cross-connection testing; and
- Inspect the system for security breaches weekly.

The terms of compensation remain unchanged; however, staff is recommending that the annual not-to-exceed contract amount be rounded up from 343,092 to \$350,000.

Contract Duration

Staff is recommending a three-year contract term commencing on July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds are available in the Operations and Maintenance Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

The item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on May 9, 2006 and was recommended for approval at the May 22, 2006 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the General Manager to enter into an operations and maintenance agreement with the Cal Water for a three-year term from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 at an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000, under terms substantially similar to those stated in Exhibit "A".

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Draft Agreement

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