



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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AGENDA NO. 24

OCTOBER 16, 2008 – Water Resources
 Smith (Chair), Little
OCTOBER 27, 2008 – Board Meeting
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INFORMATION CALENDAR

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

SUMMARY:

The following is a summary of the grant applications that West Basin has applied for this past year, the customer service that West Basin has provided, the services that the grant consultants will provide, and upcoming funding opportunities that staff will submit applications to.

Calendar Year 2008 Submitted Grant Applications

West Basin has been actively applying for grant funds for its various programs. In 2008, West Basin has been awarded the following grants:

District Program	Program Budget	Other Contributing Partners	West Basin Contribution	Awarded	Funding Agency
Traveling Displays	\$25,044	-	\$15,844	\$9,200	MWD
Local Conservation Plans	\$200,000	\$100,000	-	\$100,000	USBR
Installation of ET Controllers	\$899,198	\$511,073	\$88,125	\$300,000	USBR
Residential Indoor Plumbing Retrofit Kits	\$932,960	\$420,000	\$261,360	\$251,600	DWR
TOTAL AWARDED	\$2,057,202	\$1,031,073 (50% of total)	\$365,329 (18% of total)	\$660,800 (32% of total)	

Calendar Year 2008 Customer Agency Assistance

City of El Segundo: Staff assisted the City of El Segundo with a grant application to MWD’s Community Partnering Program. Staff reviewed their application and provided comments.

Proposition 84 Opportunities: Staff sent its customer agencies an e-mail on three (3) grant opportunities available to them through Proposition 84 with an offer for assistance. The City of Inglewood inquired about these opportunities and staff discussed the criteria with them for applying. They were planning on speaking with the Public Works Director to determine if they have a project that is eligible and would contact staff if they needed assistance with applying.

Letters of Support: This past year, West Basin has been asked to provide letters of support to the Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, and Malibu for various grant programs. The City of Hawthorne’s application was awarded funding and the other two (2) are pending.

Grant Consultant Services

West Basin recently procured services for two (2) grant consultants each for a two-year term. The consulting firms of CH2M Hill and RMC Water and Environment have been hired to provide grant assistance to West Basin and its customer agencies. Specific services include conducting a Grant Services Workshop this Fall, meeting with each of our customer agencies to determine what their funding needs are and the types of projects they have that require funding, providing a bi-monthly funding matrix of local, state and federal grant opportunities (which is posted on our website), assisting West Basin and our customer agencies with applications.

Upcoming Grant Applications

The following are grant opportunities that West Basin is poised to prepare for:

- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – Prop 84 Grant Program – October 2008
- SWRCB's Water Recycling Construction Program – November 2008
- MWD's Enhanced Conservation Program – Fall 2008
- DWR's Water Use Efficiency Program – Fall 2008
- DWR's Integrated Regional Water Management Program – Spring/Summer 2009
- USBR's Field Conservation Program – 2009
- USBR's Water for America Initiative Program – 2009
- Proposition 84 – Water Use Efficiency Programs – 2009-2012

West Basin staff will continue to seek other opportunities in addition to those listed above by monitoring all local, state and federal funding sources.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 5, Customer/Community Services – Provide for the needs of our customer agencies and the communities we serve in a way that reflects their needs.

Goal 8, Finance – Manage finances to optimize the public's investment return and minimize risk.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

Sound Financial and Resource Management – West Basin is committed to efficient business operations, financial planning and asset management.

Customer Service – West Basin is committed to providing value by understanding and meeting the needs of our customers and the communities we serve.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on October 16, 2008 and agendaized to the October 27, 2008 Board meeting as information for discussion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is for information only.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – PowerPoint Presentation
Exhibit "B" – Grant Funding History Matrix