



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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AGENDA NO. 22

OCTOBER 17, 2008 – Ethics
Little (Chair), Dear
NOVEMBER 24, 2008 – Board Meeting
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ACTION CALENDAR

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND CLEAN ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY:

This item was discussed at the October 27, 2008 Board meeting, due to Director Gray's absence at that meeting this item was referred to the November 27, 2008 Board meeting.

Since 2007, a number of requests to sponsor events for incumbent or candidates for state and federal offices have occurred. The Board began to address this subject last May when it rescinded an action that approved staff to direct West Basin's consultants to host an event. A member of the Ethics Committee requested that this subject be referred to the October Committee meeting.

In order to be consistent and have clarity on how employees and Board members can participate, a draft policy for participation in political activities including fundraising was submitted to the Ethics Committee for review. On October 17, the Ethics Committee reviewed the attached draft policy (Exhibit "A") and referred this item to the Board for consideration.

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 6, Communications – Engage in effective two-way communications of West Basin's programs and policies with the customer agencies and communities we serve.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

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:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Ethics Committee on October 17, 2008 and was referred to the October 27, 2008 Board meeting for consideration. At the October 27, 2008 Board meeting, the Board referred this item to the November 24, 2008 Board meeting due to Director Gray's absence.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board considers adopting a policy for participation in Political Activities including fundraising as stated in Exhibit "A".

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Political Activities and Clean Accountable Government
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