

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 14, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of West Basin Municipal Water District was held on Friday, November 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at 17140 S. Avalon Blvd., Suite 210, Carson, CA 90746

President Dear called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and presided thereover.

1. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.** The following Directors were present: Dear, Kwan and Little; Directors Gray and Smith arrived at 9:45 a.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** (Members of the public are invited to present comments to the board on matters within the District's jurisdiction but not on the agenda. The public may present comments on agenda items when the matter is called.) None.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS/LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP CALENDAR

3. **2008 STATE GOVERNMENTAL RECAP – ORAL REPORT**

Staff and consultants briefed the Board; no action was taken.

4. **2009 STAT GOVERNMENTAL PREVIEW – ORAL REPORT**

Staff and consultants briefed the Board; no action was taken.

5. **WEST BASIN 2009 STRATEGIES – ORAL REPORT**

Staff discussed possible support of legislative bills and presented four proposals for consideration. In order for the Board to take action the following motion was made.

MOTION: Upon a motion duly made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Kwan, the Board approved making Item 5 an Action Item.

The Board discussed legislative proposal number four related to ocean-water desalination. The proposal would memorialize the Legislature's support of the development of ocean-water desalination, during times of crisis or drought, as an element of a balanced water supply portfolio and would define environmental impact mitigation techniques to be considered in the permitting process.

ACTION: Upon a motion duly made by Director Dear and seconded by Director Kwan, the Board unanimously approved supporting proposal number four and directed staff to work with the consultants to finalize a legislative proposal.

ACTION: Upon a motion duly made by Director Smith to review legislative proposals at a Strategic Planning Workshop to be scheduled in January 2009 was seconded by Director Dear and unanimously approved by the Board.

ACTION CALENDAR

6.1 SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE VISIT – APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE – Oral Report Requested by Director Gray

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board considers approving Director attendance to Sacramento for Legislator visits on December 1-2, 2008 for which travel expenses and compensation will be paid.

ACTION: Upon a motion duly made by Director Little and seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved Director Gray's recommendation.

6. WEST BASIN POLICY PRINCIPLES REVIEW AND UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board amends the West Basin Policy Principles to incorporate the Energy Management Policy Principles.

ACTION: Upon a motion duly made by Director Gray and seconded by Director Dear, the Board referred this item to the December Communications Committee meeting.

7. WEST BASIN STATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CONSULTANTS CONTRACTS – 2009-10 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approves amending the following consulting services contracts:

1. Lang, Hansen, O'Malley and Miller for \$72,000 per year for the upcoming two-year legislative session, to terminate on December 31, 2010 for an additional total two-year contract amount not-to-exceed \$144,000, and
2. The Dolphin Group for \$72,000 per year, for the upcoming two-year legislative session, to terminate on December 31, 2010 for an additional total two-year contract amount not-to-exceed \$144,000.

ACTION: Upon a motion duly made by Director Little and seconded by Director Gray, the Board unanimously approved staff recommendations 1 and 2.

8. 2008 LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board considers nominations for the 2008 Legislator of the Year Award.

ACTION: Upon a motion duly made by Director Little to nominate Assembly Members Bass and Feuer, and U.S. Representatives Roybal-Allard, Waters and Richardson as 2008 Legislators of the Year was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.

PRESENTATION

9. OCEAN-WATER DESALINATION TELEPHONE SURVEY RESULTS

This item will be reviewed at a later date.

10. OTHER/COMMENTS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, President Dear adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

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