

WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

MARCH 5, 2008 – Communications
Kwan (Chair), Gray
MARCH 24, 2008 – Board Meeting
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INFORMATION CALENDAR

EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES UPDATE

SUMMARY:

In November 2007, staff presented to the Board a plan to strategically enhance and expand West Basin's education programs by forming two education advisory committees. The guidance and recommendations from such committee members would ensure that current West Basin education programs are continuing to meet the curricula needs of classroom teachers, that future education programs would be developed with the feedback and support of school district superintendents, and ensure maximum efficiency of West Basin funding, and resources.

In January 2008, staff began recruitment for the first advisory committee composed of school district leadership. Due to the extreme work load and unresponsiveness of school district superintendents, staff redirected invitations and a request to review a West Basin program summary paper to 13 assistant school district superintendents who directly oversee curriculum and instruction in West Basin's service area. The South Bay regional board member of the Christian Home Educators Association representing the home school population was also invited to participate.

Six individuals responded with feedback and verified the current programs remain relevant to their schools, and that a future water education theater program would be beneficial. They also confirmed that due to school testing assessment schedules, the best time to convene an advisory committee of school district administrators would be in October.

Staff also began recruitment for the second advisory committee composed of classroom teachers from private, public and home schools and representing elementary, middle and high school grade levels. Due to the same extreme workload, it proved difficult to convene a committee meeting. However, participants provided positive feedback regarding current and future education programs by phone, and agree that meeting early in the school year is best for committee meetings.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Communications Committee on March 5, 2008 and agendized to the March 24, 2008 Board meeting as information for discussion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Not applicable.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit "A" – List of Committee Invitees.

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