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AGENDA NO. _____

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 – Water Resources
Smith (Chair), Little
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 – Board Meeting
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INFORMATION CALENDAR

SUPPLY INDEPENDENCE CONCEPTUAL COST STUDY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SUMMARY:

West Basin's Strategic Business Plan identifies an important and timely objective in our mission to increase water supply reliability for our service area, particularly in light of current imported water supply challenges statewide. As part of the Strategic Business Plan, objective one under the Reliability Goal directs staff to: "Prepare a water supply strategy that presents different levels of imported water independence and associated costs/water rate implications."

Pursuant to this objective, staff is preparing a "Request for Proposals" (RFP) to procure professional services to conduct a study of possible effects of achieving independence from imported water. The objective of the study will be to provide West Basin with a conceptual understanding of the local projects and associated implications necessary to achieve increasing levels of independence from imported water. Using West Basin's current supply mix as a baseline, the study will identify the capital cost and rate implications of increasing supply reliability to several portfolio milestones including the Reliability 2020 goals (66% local resources and conservation). Projections of imported supply availability and MWD rate projections will also be analyzed and considered in the study. Social, economic, environmental, regulatory, and water quality factors associated with each local supply development option will also be defined. Results of the RFP process will be brought to the Board in October for consideration.

Staff is planning for completion of the study by late January 2009.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 1, Reliability – Maintain a level of local water reliability that supports the regional economy, our community and customer agency needs.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

Water Reliability – West Basin is committed to innovative planning and investments to provide water supply reliability and drought protection.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds for professional services to conduct the study are included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Resources Planning Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on September 11, 2008 and agendaized to the September 22, 2008 Board meeting as information for discussion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is for information only.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

None.