



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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AGENDA NO. 14

NOVEMBER 13, 2009 - Administration
Kwan (Chair), Smith
NOVEMBER 23, 2009 - Board Meeting
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ACTION CALENDAR

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (NWRA) BOARD MEMBER BALLOT

SUMMARY:

ACWA is a state association member of NWRA's California Caucus. The NWRA California Caucus is governed by a Board of Directors. ACWA as a member is entitled to three Board members. As a member agency of ACWA, West Basin is also entitled to submit nominations; although, staff did not receive a nomination package but has now received a ballot of candidates to vote on.

ACWA has forwarded a ballot of candidates for the 2010-2011 term of office for the Board of Directors and is attached as Exhibit "A". Background information on each candidate is also included as Exhibit "B". The ballot is due to ACWA by November 30, 2009.

History of the NWRA

The National Reclamation Association was established as a formal association on December 6, 1932 at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City and in 1969 became NWRA. The purpose of was to establish a formal organization to bring irrigation and reclamation to the arid and semi-arid West. Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation at that time gave a brief overview of the financial crisis faced by Reclamation and the need for a change in policy to facilitate future development. The association was established at a time when reclamation was at its lowest ebb. In fact, many were fearful that without the united efforts of the entire West, the entire reclamation program would be lost.

In 1948, a Washington, D.C. office was established to promote its goals and objectives with Congress and the Administration. In the 1980's, the organization was instrumental in promulgation of rules and regulations implementing the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, efforts to reauthorize the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as the myriad of legislation and regulations impacting water quality and quantity. Today, the NWRA is a strong federation of state associations and caucuses representing a broad spectrum of water supply interests. Its strength is a reflection of the tremendous "grassroots" participation it has generated on virtually every national issue affecting western water conservation, management, and development.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

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:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Administration Committee on November 13, 2009 and agendized to the November 23, 2009 Board meeting with one recommendation for Jerry Gladbach.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board considers voting for three Candidates for the Board of Directors of the NWRA.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – NWRA Ballot
Exhibit "B" – Candidate Background Information.

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