



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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AGENDA NO. 19

JANUARY 16, 2009 – Ethics Committee
Little (Chair), Dear
FEBRUARY 23, 2009 – Board Meeting
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ACTION CALENDAR

CODE OF CONDUCT PUBLIC AWARENESS GUIDELINES REVISIONS

SUMMARY:

At the January 26, 2009 Ethics Committee, the Committee reviewed the Public Awareness Guidelines regarding Directors who are in an election year and their participation at District sponsored events such as the Annual Water Harvest.

The current policy states that sitting Directors that are in an election year are prohibited from participation in Public Awareness activities, beginning six months prior to the date of the Director's election, until after the date the results of the Director's election are certified.

The Committee recommended that Directors should be able to participate in District sponsored events during an election year and directed District Counsel to draft language that would address non-District and District sponsored events and is attached as Exhibit A.

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 communication of West Basin's programs & 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 January 16, 2009 and was agendized to the February 23, 2009 Board meeting for consideration.