



**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**  
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**AGENDA NO. 15**

**MAY 14, 2009 – Water Resources**

Little (Chair), Gray

**MAY 26, 2009 – Board Meeting**

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## ACTION CALENDAR

### OUTSIDE LABORATORY SERVICES

#### SUMMARY:

Commercial laboratories are contracted to support compliance, process control, research and development water quality testing, and courier services for microbiological testing for the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility and its ancillary treatment facilities. The current contracts for these services with Weck and Michelson Laboratories expire on June 30, 2009.

"Requests for Bids" (RFB) were sent in April to local state-certified laboratories for chemistry and microbiological testing and courier services. The RFBs were also posted to West Basin Municipal Water District's website and made available to local Chambers of Commerce. Bids were reviewed by staff and are summarized in Exhibits "A" (for chemistry testing) and "B" (for microbiological testing).

Staff recommends the low-bidder TestAmerica for chemistry testing services. TestAmerica is currently under contract for Brewer Desalter and Title 22 Monitoring Program lab work, and staff is pleased with their performance.

Staff recommends the low-bidder Michelson Labs for microbiological testing and courier services.

#### STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 3, Water Quality – Provide high quality water that meets the needs of our customers.

Goal 8, Finance – Manage finances to optimize the public's investment return and minimize risk.

#### COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

Water Quality – West Basin is committed to providing safe, high quality water by meeting current and anticipated water quality requirements.

Sound Financial and Resource Management – West Basin is committed to efficient business operations, financial planning and asset management.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funding for outside laboratory services will be included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 West Basin Operations and Maintenance Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Compliance monitoring is required under appropriate NPDES discharge permits for the West Basin treatment facilities.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on May 14, 2009 and recommended for approval at the May 26, 2009 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the General Manger to enter into two-year agreements, with a one-year renewal option at the Board's discretion, with the following laboratories for testing and other services:

- TestAmerica Labs for \$282,760 plus 10% for contingencies, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$311,036, for chemistry testing services for the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility and ancillary treatment facilities; and
- Michelson Labs for \$41,180 plus 10% for contingencies, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$45,300, for microbiological testing and daily courier services, for the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility and ancillary treatment facilities.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Chemistry Bid Summary  
Exhibit "B" – Microbiological Bid Summary