



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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AGENDA NO. 22A.

APRIL 26, 2010 – Board Meeting
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ACTION CALENDAR

OPPOSE – AB 1664 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT ACT

SUMMARY:

As amended, AB 1664 (Swanson, D-Oakland) would amend the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Act to prohibit a member agency from directing or instructing a member of the Board to vote in a particular manner on any question, order, resolution or ordinance to be acted on by the Board.

The bill, now sponsored by American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) is intended to prohibit MWD Member Agencies from mandating their respective Directors to vote in a particular manner. This would hinder collaboration between the Member Agency and its respective representative.

Currently, West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) has two representatives (Directors) on the MWD Board of Directors. To prepare for upcoming MWD actions, West Basin hosts a monthly MWD Caucus meeting and has a standing MWD Director and Staff Report at each West Basin regular monthly Board meeting. On occasion, the West Basin Board of Directors has taken affirmative action to instruct its MWD Directors on specific actions. This bill would prohibit such activity.

For the reasons stated above, staff recommends West Basin take an oppose position on AB 1664.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

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.

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

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was not viewed by a Committee.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board approve staff's recommendation to take an OPPOSE position on AB 1664.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - AB 1664

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