



**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**  
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**AGENDA NO. 12**

**AUGUST 4, 2010 – Communications**

Gray (Chair), Kwan

**AUGUST 23, 2010 – Board Meeting**

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## CONSENT CALENDAR

### SOLAR CUP UPDATE

#### SUMMARY:

*Solar Cup* is an annual solar-power boat-building and racing competition held for high school students in Southern California. The goal of the seven-month project is to encourage students to learn about science, mathematics, water quality issues, conservation, alternative energy and fuel sources.

The Metropolitan Water District (MWD), the sponsor of the program, has issued a *Solar Cup 2011 Participant Interest Form* seeking the number of desired teams West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) would like to sponsor. MWD will then notify all agencies at the end of the September the number of teams each is permitted to sponsor. Last year, the Board requested to sponsor five teams. MWD allowed West Basin to sponsor four teams, the maximum agency sponsorship amount. As a result, West Basin sponsored the following schools for *Solar Cup 2010*:

#### **Veteran Teams**

1. City Honors High School, Inglewood
2. Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, Rolling Hills Estates

#### **Rookie Teams**

3. Environmental Charter High School, Lawndale
4. West High School, Torrance

In April 2010, the Board directed staff to issue a Solar Cup 2011 announcement and sponsorship application form to all high schools within our service area. The Board also recommended that interested school applicants be evaluated and ranked with the following criteria:

- Application submission date for first-come, first-served ranking status; and
- Qualifications including technical and program content experience, school administration support, and parent/community advisor resource support.

Staff is seeking Board direction regarding the number of desired sponsorship teams to submit to MWD. Staff will also present a status report on current interested school applicants at the Committee Meeting.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 3: 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:

Funding for Solar Cup 2010 is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Public Information and Conservation Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Communications Committee on August 4, 2010 and agendaized to the August 23, 2010 Board meeting Consent Calendar.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is for information only.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – MWD Solar Cup 2011 Interest Form