



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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AGENDA NO. 31.2

AUGUST 23, 2010 – Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

SUMMARY:

On August 18, the City of Hermosa Beach (City) informed West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) that the City would be submitting an application for a grant to fund a Sustainability/Climate Action Plan under the State of California's Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. While notifying West Basin about their grant application, the City requested a letter of support for their efforts.

Per the application, the City proposes to complete a strategic Sustainability/Climate Action Plan focusing on climate change, resource protection, and community sustainability that include climate mitigation strategies to reduce greenhouse gases, strategies that could achieve a municipal net zero carbon future, climate adaptation planning, and strategies to reduce impacts to ocean and coastal resources. The project will examine the practicability of mobility strategies adopted by Southern California Association of Governments and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) to implement SB 375 (2008 legislation intended to reduce greenhouse gasses), examine approaches to extend to neighboring cities and the South Bay, and evaluate adaptability of the plan as an element of or complement to the City's General Plan or Coastal Land Use Plan.

West Basin has long been an active participant in the SBCCOG's Green Task Force and has provided additional support for the City's plan to go "Carbon Neutral." This grant opportunity would greatly assist both efforts. As such, staff recommends that the Board support the City of Hermosa Beach's Sustainable Community Grant Application.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Goal 1: Water Reliability – West Basin is committed to innovative planning and investments to provide water supply reliability and drought protection.

Goal 2: Water Quality – West Basin is committed to providing safe, high quality water by meeting current and anticipated water quality requirements.

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:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was not reviewed by a Committee.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board authorizes the President to sign a letter of support for the City of Hermosa Beach's Sustainable Community Grant Application.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Draft Letter of Support

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