

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

MAY 12, 2004 – Finance Committee

Hawkins, Cole

MAY 24, 2004 – Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

DISTRICT COUNSEL LEGAL FEES

SUMMARY:

A letter has been received from Lemieux & O'Neill requesting an increase to their monthly retainer for legal services. In July 1999, the Board approved a monthly retainer of \$3,000.

The increase in District activities requiring our office personnel's assistance and the cost of doing business have gone up dramatically. Accordingly, Lemieux & O'Neill are requesting an increase to the monthly retainer of \$500 for a total monthly fee of \$3,500 to be effective July 1, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The Draft FY 2004-05 Budget has not been finalized; this request would be an increase to the budget amount for legal services/monthly retainer. The Board would need to direct staff to include an additional \$6,000 to the FY 2004-05 budget for monthly retainer fees.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

None.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Finance Committee on May 12, 2004 and recommended for approval at the May 24, 2004 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board considers:

1. Lemieux & O'Neill's request to increase their monthly retainer for legal services from \$3,000 to \$3,500 per month; and
2. Direct staff to revise the Draft FY 2004-05 Budget to provide an additional \$6,000 for legal services/monthly retainer.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Lemieux & O'Neill Letter Requesting Monthly Retainer Increase

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