

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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Morse, Hawkins

SEPTEMBER 27, 2004 - Board Meeting

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ACTION CALENDAR

REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES
RELATED TO RECYCLED WATER

SUMMARY:

In 1991 and 1992, Central Basin entered into agreements with the County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (CSDLAC) to purchase up to 25,000 acre-feet of recycled water annually. While the agreement does not specifically state it, Central Basin has accepted responsibility to ensure that all users of recycled water comply with the specifications and requirements for such use. In practice, the State Department of Health Services (DHS) has held Central Basin responsible for upholding the specifications and requirements on the use of recycled water as governed by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

Annual Visual Inspections and Periodic Cross-Connection Testing

Title 22 describes how sites may use recycled water and what measures must be undertaken to safely use recycled water. Included in those regulations are the requirements that Annual Visual Inspections (AVI) and Periodic Cross-Connection Tests (PCCT) be performed to monitor compliance and check for cross-connections. These functions, required in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, are to confirm compliance with regulations and check for cross-connections.

Central Basin-Purveyor Recycled Water Agreement

To clarify responsibilities between Central Basin and the recycled water purveyors that purchase recycled water from Central Basin, staff developed Central Basin-Purveyor Agreements. These agreements are intended to spell out roles and serve to eliminate any presumption between Central Basin and the purveyor.

The agreements have been a regular topic of discussion at the quarterly meetings with DHS. DHS has been encouraging the execution of these agreements, viewing it as a positive step to further enhance compliance with the Title 22 code.

Board Review

The topic of these agreements was presented to the Board as information items at both the April 2001 and November 2001 Board meetings. Subsequently, these agreements were not presented to the Board for approval to proceed with execution. Staff and purveyors have already executed ten (10) of these agreements, only one of which received Board approval. In total, there are sixteen (16) potential agreements with the following purveyors:

- Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company;
- City of Downey;

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- City of Huntington Park;
- City of Lynwood;
- City of Norwalk;
- City of Paramount;
- City of Pico Rivera;
- City of Santa Fe Springs;
- City of South Gate;
- City of Vernon;
- City of Whittier;
- Park Water Company;
- Peerless Water Company;
- San Gabriel Valley Water Company;
- Southern California Water; and
- Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD.

It is recommended that the Board ratify and adopt the nine executed agreements (see Exhibit "A") and authorize execution of the remaining six.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None. Execution of the agreements: 1) does not result in any financial transaction between the District and the purveyors, and 2) does not increase the time required by the District's contract operator to perform the inspection and testing beyond that which is already required by the California Code of Regulations.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

The District is required to adhere to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on September 9, 2004 and agendized to the September 27, 2004 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board:

- 1) Ratifies and adopts the nine (9) Central Basin-purveyor agreements already executed (see Exhibit "A").
- 2) Authorizes the Co-Acting General Managers to sign similar Central Basin-purveyor agreements with the Cities of Downey, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Pico Rivera, and Vernon and Peerless Water Company.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Nine already executed agreements