

Implementation Grant Step 1 Proposal Pursuant to Proposition 50, Chapter 8

## **Attachment 2 Eligible Applicant Documentation**

### **Special District Authority**

Attached is a copy of the West Basin Municipal Water District language establishing it as an eligible applicant.

Per Section 3 of the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Guidelines, the West Basin Municipal Water District is defined as a special district and public agency and has legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California, Department of Water Resources, or the State Water Board. In accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (the Act), CWC § 10610 et seq., the West Basin Municipal Water District has prepared, adopted, and submitted an urban water management plan to DWR in compliance with the Act.



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**Re: West Basin Municipal Water District**

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Water Code § 71592: "A district may make contracts, employ labor, and do all acts necessary for full exercise of its powers."


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The District also enjoys a host of other statutory powers as set forth in the Municipal Water District Act of 1911. (Water Code § 71000 *et seq.*)

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please call.

Very truly yours,

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