

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90712**

4:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017

AGENDA

Each item on the agenda, no matter how described, shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, whether to adopt a minute motion, resolution, payment of any bill, approval of any matter or action, or any other action. Items listed as "For Information" or "For Discussion" may also be the subject of an "action" taken by the Board or a Committee at the same meeting.

1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Determine the need to add items to the agenda. In order for the Board to add an item to the agenda it must make a determination that: (i) The item came to the attention of the Board after the posting of the agenda; (ii) That there is a need for immediate action to be taken by the Board. If these two tests are met, the Board may add the item in question to the agenda for consideration consistent with the provisions of the Brown Act.

6. APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ONE NESTED GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL (LOS ANGELES 5)

Capital Improvement Projects Committee Recommendation: The Capital Improvement Projects Committee will review this item subsequent to the posting of the July 27, 2017 Special Board agenda. Therefore, the Committee will present its recommendation, if any, for consideration of the Board of Directors.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-1061 - APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AND EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (USBR) FOR THE 2017 WATERSMART: TITLE XVI GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GRIP) RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

Capital Improvement Projects Committee Recommendation: The Capital Improvement Projects Committee will review this item subsequent to the posting of the July 27, 2017 Special Board agenda. Therefore, the Committee will present its recommendation, if any, for consideration of the Board of Directors.

8. CLOSED SESSION

- A.** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (b), One Matter

9. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next Board of Directors meeting currently scheduled for August 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda posted by Sherri Brown, Senior Administrative Specialist on July 26, 2017. In compliance with ADA requirements, this document can be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 6

DATE: JULY 27, 2017

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ONE NESTED GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL (LOS ANGELES 5)

SUMMARY

WRD's Board of Directors approved the installation of two deep nested groundwater monitoring wells at a Board meeting held on May 25, 2017. The wells are being installed to address an important data gap and once installed the wells will help improve the monitoring network and overall coverage within the Central Basin. WRD staff conducted a field reconnaissance for suitable drilling sites and have identified a large sports complex parking lot for one of the monitoring wells (named Los Angeles 5). The property is owned by the City of Los Angeles (the City). The City has been very cooperative in our meetings and has agreed to allow us entry to the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex. The sports complex is located at 5001 Rodeo Road in Los Angeles, California.

A right-of-entry permit is required to access the property and has been received from the Department of Recreation and Parks. The drilling is being conducted by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). They have an opening staff would like to entertain with drilling anticipated to commence on August 1, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Capital Improvement Projects Committee will review this item subsequent to the posting of the July 27, 2017 Special Board agenda. Therefore, the Committee will present its recommendation, if any, for consideration of the Board of Directors.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 7

DATE: JULY 27, 2017

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-1061 APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AND EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (USBR) FOR THE 2017 WATERSMART: TITLE XVI GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GRIP) RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

SUMMARY

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has released a new funding opportunity for Title XVI water recycling projects under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act). This funding opportunity is for sponsors of water recycling projects that have completed a Title XVI Feasibility Study that has been reviewed by the USBR, meets all the requirements of USBR's Manual Release WTR-11-01 and has been transmitted to Congress. The Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP) Recycled Water Project meets all of the criteria and is an eligible project.

Applications for the Title XVI grant program are due on August 17, 2017. It is anticipated that the USBR will fund four to eight projects, but it will depend on the funding requested. The USBR will provide up to 25% of the total project costs for construction that will be conducted before September 30, 2019. Grant recipients are responsible for 75% of the total project costs. It is expected that potential award recipients will be announced in late October 2017 with grant agreement finalization by December 2017. All projects must be completed by September 2019.

Staff needs to submit an application for the USBR's 2017 Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program for the GRIP Recycled Water Project by August 17. Staff is

requesting the funding, specifically for the Third Stage Reverse Osmosis equipment and other aspects of the advanced water treatment component of GRIP.

FISCAL IMPACT

The District is requesting a \$2 million grant from the USBR, the District's cost-share will be the remainder of the project that is financed through Prop 1 State Revolving Fund.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Capital Improvement Project Committee will reviewed this item subsequent to the posting of the July 27, 2017 Special Board agenda. Therefore, the Committee will present its recommendation, if any, for consideration of the Board of Directors.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution No. 17-1061

RESOLUTION NO. 17-1061

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THE 2017 WATERSMART TITLE XVI GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GRIP) RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (the "Board"), over a decade ago, initiated the Water Independence Now (WIN) program to replace costly imported water with locally produced sources for groundwater replenishment and seawater intrusion barriers; and

WHEREAS, the Board continues to pursue projects through its WIN program to develop local and sustainable sources of water for use in groundwater replenishment activities; and

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP) Recycled Water Project is the cornerstone of WIN and when fully operational will replace 100 percent of the imported water purchased for replenishment in the Montebello Forebay with recycled water, thereby "drought proofing" the region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has released a new funding opportunity for Title XVI water recycling projects under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (P.L. 114-322) also known as the 2017 WaterSmart Title XVI Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 WaterSmart Title XVI Grant Program is for sponsors of water recycling projects that have completed a Title XVI Feasibility Study that has been reviewed by Reclamation, meet all the requirements of Reclamation Manual Release WTR 11-01, and have been transmitted to Congress by Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the GRIP Recycled Water Project meets all of the criteria required to be eligible for the 2017 WaterSmart Title XVI Grant Program and desires to submit an application for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, as follows:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the United States Bureau of Reclamation's 2017 WaterSmart: Title XVI grant program for the GRIP Recycled Water Project.

2. If selected as a grant recipient, staff will work with Reclamation to prepare the necessary materials needed to enter into a cooperative agreement and to meet deadlines established for entering into a cooperative agreement.
3. The Water Replenishment District of Southern California will fund at least 75 percent of the project costs.
4. Appoints the Assistant General Manager as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, for the United States Bureau of Reclamation's 2017 WaterSmart: Title XVI grant program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California this 27th day of July 2017 by the following vote:

Ayes _____

Noes _____

Absent _____

WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rob Katherman, President

ATTEST:

Sergio Calderon, Secretary

DATE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

H. Francisco Leal
Interim District Counsel