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.

I. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-690 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER REPLLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTRAL AND WEST COAST BASIN CONJUNCTIVE USE WORKING GROUP

Recommendation: For discussion and consideration of adoption of Resolution No. 03-690.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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Throughout 2003, the District has been participating in a facilitated process concerning conjunctive use in the Central and West Basins. The Department of Water Resources previously agreed to fund the cost of the facilitator, who is Robert Rauch. The core group of participants has now met on three official occasions, and additional meetings are scheduled. Mr. Rauch has asked the decision-making body of each of the participants to adopt a Resolution such as the one attached to this memo. District Counsel will make a presentation that provides more details about this facilitated process and its background, as well as some minor recommendations for word changes to the proposed Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: For discussion and consideration of adoption of Resolution No. 03-690.
RESOLUTION NO. 03-690

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTRAL AND WEST COAST BASINS CONJUNCTIVE USE WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, the water stakeholders of the Central Basin and West Coast Basin have established a Conjunctive Use Working Group ("Working Group") for the purpose of exploring the development, through a facilitated process, of an integrated program of regional conjunctive use of water resources;

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Working Group is to improve communication among stakeholders and to reduce the potential for conflicts;

WHEREAS, the Working Group proposes to, among other things, identify the diverse interests and capabilities of the stakeholders and to develop ways by which the parties’ strengths can be constructively combined;

WHEREAS, the rational and efficient use of water resources through a conjunctive use program will enhance water supplies and benefit the public generally; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California ("District") to support the efforts of the Working Group and to participate in the facilitated process,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California that the District supports and will participate in good faith in the Working Group, and agrees that the Working Group should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to pursue its efforts.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the District agrees that, absent full disclosure at a meeting of the Working Group and extraordinary circumstances, until at least April 1, 2004, it will not:

a. File any motion or lawsuit that seeks to amend the Judgments comprising the Central Basin Adjudication or the West Coast Basin Adjudication;

b. Introduce or pursue state legislation concerning either conjunctive use of water in the Central Basin or West Coast groundwater basins ("Basins"), or the respective roles, responsibilities or powers of any participant in the Working Group with respect thereto; or

c. Approve any new conjunctive use related water supply project located within the geographical boundaries of the Basins.
BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the District understands that the Working Group has recognized that each entity's participation in the Working Group is voluntary and that no participant has made any commitment to enter into any substantive agreement or policy concerning conjunctive use. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to the contrary.

WHEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California has adopted this Resolution as of the ______ day of ______________, 2003.

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Willard H. Murray, President

ATTEST:

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Robert Goldsworthy, Secretary