



● **Board of Directors**

3/9/2010 Board Meeting

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Subject

Authorize entering into an agreement with RAND Corporation for consulting services relating to the Blue Ribbon Committee, not to exceed \$300,000

Description

This action authorizes entering into a professional services agreement with the RAND Corporation to provide external expertise in facilitation and research to support Metropolitan's Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC).

Metropolitan's Board established the BRC, comprised of business, community and public interest leaders to provide insight into the global, environmental, economic, social and demographic changes that Metropolitan's service area will encounter in the future. The Board ratified the membership of the BRC at the February 9, 2010 Board meeting (Item 5G). The BRC will provide input for developing a sustainable business model to ensure Metropolitan continues to provide reliable water for Southern California.

To accomplish the Board's directives, external expertise in facilitation and research are required. Request for Qualifications No. 936 was issued on January 14, 2010, for Blue Ribbon Committee Facilitator/Research and Planning. The RAND Corporation was selected based on the firm's qualifications, facilitation approach, and past project performance. RAND will conduct an external analysis of each of the six key areas listed below, focusing on best practices and key forces/trends from different perspectives including political, economic, natural resources, technological, social, demographic, educational and legal. The external analysis will be incorporated with Metropolitan's internal analysis for the BRC's review and consideration. RAND will also identify existing regulations and forecast potential regulations and mandates which may impact Metropolitan in relation to the six areas.

1. Developing New Water Options for Southern California
2. Energy for the Future
3. Economic Development and New Technologies
4. Financial Sustainability
5. Workforce for the Future
6. Communications

Arellano Associates, a sub-consultant specializing in public outreach and communications, with a particular focus on urban planning, public infrastructure, and transportation programs throughout Southern California, will serve as the facilitator for the BRC. Arellano Associates will facilitate BRC

meetings and assist with development of recommendations to be presented to Metropolitan's Board in September 2010.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 8121: General Authority of the General Manager to Enter Contracts

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA because it involves continuing administrative activities (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA because it involves other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment (Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Board Options

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize entering into an agreement with RAND Corporation for consulting services relating to the Blue Ribbon Committee, not to exceed \$300,000.

Fiscal Impact: \$300,000

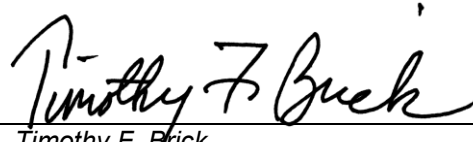
Option #2

Do not authorize entering into an agreement with RAND Corporation for consulting services relating to the Blue Ribbon Committee, not to exceed \$300,000.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation

Option #1



Timothy F. Brick
Chairman of the Board

3/4/2010
Date