



● **Legal and Claims Committee**

July 10, 2012 Committee Meeting

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Subject

Approve General Counsel's Business Plan for fiscal year 2012/13

Description

The General Counsel's FY 2012/13 business plan establishes the anticipated focus of the Legal Department for next fiscal year. The business plan focuses on the work required to support the District's priorities, as described in the General Manager's Business Plan and the Legal Department budget for fiscal year 2012/13 that will carry into fiscal year 2013/14:

- Water Supply Reliability
- Corporate Resources/District Infrastructure
- Implement Smart Technologies
- Finance
- Operations
- Real Property Matters
- District Governance
- Managing Energy Costs
- Workforce Development and Cultural Changes
- Administrative Matters

The Legal Department intends to concentrate on these priorities in carrying out its mission of providing a full range of legal services in a professional, timely, cost-effective and creative manner. The proposed business plan (**Attachment 1**) includes goals in each of these areas. Pursuant to the biennial budget approved in April, the business plan goals include challenges anticipated in fiscal year 2013/14.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6436(b): Annual and Quarterly Reports to Legal and Claims Committee

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Options #1 and #2:

The proposed actions are not defined as projects under CEQA (Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed actions in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the proposed actions are not subject to CEQA (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

The CEQA determination is: Determine that the proposed actions are not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15378(b) and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Board Options

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination and approve the General Counsel's Business Plan for fiscal year 2012/13.

Fiscal Impact: None

Option #2

Adopt the CEQA determination and redirect the General Counsel's Business Plan for fiscal year 2012/13.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendation

Option #1



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7/3/12

Date

Attachment 1 – General Counsel's Business Plan for Fiscal Year 2012/13

