

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE
(A Committee of Orange County Water District*
and Orange County Sanitation District Directors)
OCWD Boardroom, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley
Monday, October 13, 2008, 5:30 pm**

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Board
Pkt. No.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

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ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

RECOMMENDATION: Determine need to take action on item(s) which arose subsequent to posting of the Agenda (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires two-thirds vote of the Board/Committee, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote)

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NO. 1)

Matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion unless Director or staff request separate action on a specific item

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Minutes of the September 8, 2008 GWR System Steering Committee meeting as mailed

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

2. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: GWR SYSTEM BRANDING PACKAGE**

RECOMMENDATION: Agendize for October 15 **OCWD** Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Request for Proposals for the Design and Implementation of a GWR System Branding Package

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. GWR SYSTEM REGULATORY UPDATE
4. GWR SYSTEM OPERATIONAL PROGRESS
5. STATUS REPORT
 - Grants and Loans Update
 - Public Information and Education Update

DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORTS

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION
 - **CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Initiation of Litigation
[GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(c)] One (1) case:
Damage to OCWD pipeline due to SR-22 construction

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE
STEERING COMMITTEE**

**(A Committee of Orange County Water District
and Orange County Sanitation District Directors)**
OCWD Boardroom, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley
Monday, September 8, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members

Philip L. Anthony	OCWD Director, Chairman	Present
Jim Ferryman	OCSD Director, Vice Chairman	Present
Kathryn Barr	OCWD Director	Present
Larry Crandall	OCSD Director	Present
Roger Yoh	OCWD Director	Present
Don Bankhead	OCSD Director	Present

Agenda Item # 1

Alternates

Jan Debay	OCWD Director (No. 1).....	Present
Darryl Miller	OCSD Director (No. 1).....	Not Present
Denis Bilodeau	OCWD Director (No. 2).....	Present
Mark Waldman	OCSD Director (No. 2)	Not Present
Steve Sheldon	OCWD Director (No. 3).....	Not Present
Don Webb	OCSD Director (No. 3)	Not Present

Other Directors Present

OCWD – Wes Bannister, Irv Pickler and Claudia Alvarez
OCSD – Doug Davert

Staff/Consultants Present

Michael R. Markus, OCWD
Jim Ruth, OCSD
Bill Dunivin, OCWD
Wendy Sevenandt, OCSD
Brett Colson, OCSD
Ingrid Hellebrand, OCSD
Eleanor Torres, OCWD
Alexis Tate, OCWD
Gina DePinto, OCWD
Debbie Burris, DDB Engineering, Inc.
John Collins, City of Fountain Valley

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NO. 1)	MOTION/VOTE	ACTION TAKEN
<p>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING RECOMMENDATION: Approve Minutes of the August 11, 2008 Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee Meeting as mailed</p>	<p>ANTHONY – AYE FERRYMAN – AYE BARR – AYE BANKHEAD – SECOND, AYE DEBAY – AYE CRANDALL – MOTION, AYE</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>
<p>2. AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO RUTAN & TUCKER'S</p>	<p>ANTHONY – AYE</p>	

<p>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE GWR SYSTEM PROJECTS</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Agendize for September 17 OCWD Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 4 to Rutan & Tucker Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$50,000 for the continuation of general legal services associated with the GWR System projects</p>	<p>FERRYMAN – AYE BARR – AYE BANKHEAD – SECOND, AYE DEBAY – AYE CRANDALL – MOTION, AYE</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>
<p>3. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PINNACLE LANDSCAPE COMPANY FOR LANDSCAPING OF GWR SYSTEM MONITORING WELL 46</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Agendize for September 17 OCWD Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Professional Services Agreement to Pinnacle Landscape Company in the amount of \$24,880 for landscaping of monitoring wells 46 and 46A</p>	<p>ANTHONY – AYE FERRYMAN – AYE BARR – AYE BANKHEAD – SECOND, AYE DEBAY – AYE CRANDALL – MOTION, AYE</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>
<p>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION</p>		
<p>4. GWR SYSTEM JOINT AGENCY OUTREACH GOALS AND BUDGET</p>	<p>ANTHONY – AYE FERRYMAN – AYE BARR – SECOND, AYE BANKHEAD – AYE DEBAY – AYE CRANDALL – MOTION, AYE</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>
<p>INFORMATIONAL ITEMS</p>		
<p>5. OCSD QUARTERLY CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE</p>		<p>INFORMATIONAL</p>
<p>6. GWRS SYSTEM OPERATIONAL PROGRESS</p>		<p>INFORMATIONAL</p>
<p>7. STATUS REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants and Loans Update • Public information and education update 		<p>INFORMATIONAL</p>
<p>DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS</p>		
<p>OCSD BOARD PRESIDENT DOUG DAVERT GAVE A PRESENTATION ON THE WORLD WATER WEEK CONFERENCE AND THE AWARD OF THE STOCKHOLM INDUSTRY WATER AWARD TO OCWD AND OCSD.</p>		<p>INFORMATIONAL</p>
<p>GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORTS</p>		
<p>THE OCWD GENERAL MANAGER NOTED THAT NOW THAT THE SHEA CONTRACT HAS BEEN CLOSED, THE GWR SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL MEET ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS AS HAD BEEN EARLIER AGREED UPON THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 10TH, UNLESS A MEETING IS NEEDED EARLIER.</p>		<p>INFORMATIONAL</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>		<p>6:20 PM</p>

Meeting Date: October 13, 2008
To: Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee
From: Mike Markus/James Ruth
Staff Contact: E. Torres/B. Colson

Budgeted: Yes
Budgeted Amount: \$150,000
Cost Estimate: \$150,000
Funding Source: OCWD/OCSD/Grants
Program/Line Item No.: GWRSAT

General Counsel Approval: N/A
Project Report Approved: N/A
CEQA Compliance: N/A

Subject: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: GWR SYSTEM BRANDING PACKAGE

SUMMARY

The Joint GWR System Steering Committee recently approved additional funding to support a proactive GWR System Outreach Plan. One component of the plan is to solicit and contract a consultant to create a GWR System branding package. A Request for Proposals for collateral design and Web design, development and implementation services is included for the Committee's consideration.

Attachment(s):

- Request for Proposals: GWR System Branding Package

RECOMMENDATION

Agendize for October 15 **OCWD** Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Request for Proposals for the Design and Implementation of a GWR System Branding Package.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) are soliciting proposals from qualified branding specialists to design and produce a branding package for the Groundwater Replenishment System.

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) maintains a website at www.gwrssystem.com which highlights the Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) System, the world's largest indirect potable water recycling facility. The project is a result of a collaborative effort between OCWD and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD). The Web site is a vital part of the Districts' communications and outreach to stakeholders specifically related to the GWR System. The site has not been updated to reflect the project recently coming online in January 2009. The branding of the GWR System is need of refreshment.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Branding Package: Collateral Design and Web Design, Development and Implementation

October 8, 2008

To Potential Proposers:

RE: Request for Proposals for collateral design and Web design and development and implementation services for the Groundwater Replenishment System.

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) are soliciting proposals from qualified branding specialists to design and produce a branding package for the Groundwater Replenishment System.

Background

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) maintains a website at www.gwrssystem.com which highlights the Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) System, the world's largest indirect potable water recycling facility. The project is a result of a collaborative effort between OCWD and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD). The Web site is a vital part of the Districts' communications and outreach to stakeholders specifically related to the GWR System. The site has not been updated to reflect the project recently coming online in January 2009. The branding of the GWR System is need of refreshment.

Project Description:

The Joint GWR System Joint Committee recently adopted the outreach goals for the fiscal year 2008-2009. An effective branding package is vital to helping OCWD and OCSD achieve the following goals:

- Build Upon GWR System's International Reputation as a State-of-the-Art Water Recycling Plant that Has Multiple Benefits
- Update GWR System Outreach Tools & Collateral
- Cultivate Media Relations and Story Placement

- Expand Tours and Speakers Bureau
- Enhance Proactive Government Relations
- Seek Recognition for the GWR System through Awards and Conferences
- Plan/host Special Events that Help Achieve Goals
- Explore Funding/Partnerships for a Water/Visitor Center

The overall goal is to enhance the Districts' outreach and branding efforts on the GWR System Web site; add functionality; improve turn-around time for updates and breaking news; add a database collection portal for the public to receive e-newsletters and updates; refresh the media section with a database of downloadable high resolution photos/images/logos and streaming video clips; and update design and graphics for the Web site and all GWR System collateral materials. The Project includes formulating a detailed plan to begin execution in January 2009 and be completed by June 30, 2009.

Scope of Work

Current GWR System collateral materials and Web site do not reflect modern and/or timeless graphic images. The consultant will be expected to design "live" files that are formatted to meet high resolution printing specs. OCWD will retain full ownership rights to all GWRS System branding files, content and components.

Collateral design will include, but is not limited to:

Updating the GWR System logo to accommodate centered placement

Updating the GWR System general brochure and tour brochure to reflect new graphic design

Stationery system

Templates (Press release, fax cover sheet)

DVD/CD Label and/or cover insert

Miscellaneous branded materials and promotional items

Web site design, development and implementation must include:

A self-administered (SAM) Security Administration / Account Module / Manager (SAM) with information fields using basic HTML commands and a

function to automatically archive press releases and audio and video clips to an archived media/news section

A password-protected database that allows staff to upload news, press releases, photos, video and other documents and images at will.

An automated content management system that will enable staff to post online agendas and staff reports for the GWR System Steering Committees and Expert Panel

Capabilities to e-Mail communications to residents and interested parties concerning projects and issues of special concern

A database collection system

Technical capabilities to download high resolution photos/images/logos and streaming video images and audio sound bites.

The duplication/translation of at least one informational web page and the GWR System DVD in 3-7 foreign languages

Minimum Qualifications

Submitting companies/contractors must meet the following minimum qualifications to submit a response to the solicitation:

- Must be licensed to do business in the state of California
- Produced a minimum of six (6) Web sites, including four (4) automated content management systems

Project Schedule

Date	Activity
October 16	RFP Opened
October 27	Pre-Proposal Meeting, 1:00 pm. to 3:00 pm
November 10	Bids due by 5:00 pm
November 12	Panel to Evaluate Proposals
November 17 -25	Interviews for top 3 -5 proposals
December 8	Top two proposals present to the GWR System Steering Committee. Steering Committee selects the contract.

December 17 OCWD and OCSD Boards of Directors Meeting for Approval

January 2009 Begin Work

Proposal Submittal

Thorough, yet concise proposals are recommended. Proposals are to be prepared at the applicant's own expense. The proposal should include:

- Information on the company
- A description of the types of services the applicant would provide in supporting the GWR System outreach program and applicable timelines to provide such services
- A description of logistics and project management systems related to the consultant engagement
- Information on the person or persons that will be assigned to the project
- A brief description of comparable assignments for municipal clients
- Consultant fee information with a clear description of a fee structure (include any cost incentives or discounts that may apply) (include number of web pages fee will include)
- Any pertinent information in relation to
 - User Interface
 - Scalability
 - Web Browser Interface
 - Security Measures and Counter Measures
 - Dissemination
 - Training
 - Search Engine Capability
 - Workflow/Routing
 - Archive/retrieval
 - Content Management
 - Site usage metrics
 - Publishing Standards
 - Support and Consulting Services

A meeting with prospective vendors is scheduled for October 27, 2008 at 1:00 pm at OCWD, located at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92728. All proposing vendors are strongly encouraged to attend. At the meeting, the project will be described and questions will be addressed.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 pm PST on November 10, 2008 at OCWD, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92728. Please address the package to the Public Affairs Department. Please provide six (6) copies of the proposals.

Selection Process

The Districts propose to select a consultant for final negotiation of scope and fee based on reviews of the proposals. Selection criteria will include project staff qualifications, project approach and creativity, related project experience and project fee. Assurances that the consultant has the staff and capabilities to complete the project within the time frame are very important. Staff recommendations for the two top proposals will be made before the GWR System Steering Committee on December 8 at which time the Committee will make its selection. The Committee selection must be approved by both OCWD and OCSD Boards. The item for final approval will be included on the December 17 Boards' agendas. (Please see *Project Schedule* listed above).

The contract for the above supplies and services will be in accord with the District's agreement. The minimum insurance requirements are \$1 million for comprehensive general liability insurance and \$1 million for comprehensive automobile liability insurance. OCWD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any proposal informalities, and modify or postpone the proposal project at its sole discretion.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 pm PST on November 10, 2008 at OCWD, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92728. Please address the package to the Public Affairs Department. Please provide six (6) copies of the proposals.

OCWD Contact Person:

The Project contact person is Eleanor Torres, OCWD Director of Public Affairs. She may be reached at (714) 378-3268, etorres@ocwd.com or (714) 963-0291 (fax)

Additional Information and Changes

All requests for additional information should be made to the undersigned in writing (fax and e-mails are acceptable). No oral modifications of this RFP shall be valid. Any modifications shall be written by RFP addendum by OCWD's Project Manager.

Sincerely,

Orange County Water District
Project Manager

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Meeting Date: October 13, 2008

Budgeted: N/A

To: Groundwater Replenishment
System Steering Committee

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Cost Estimate: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Program/Line Item No.: N/A

From: Mike Markus/James Ruth

General Counsel Approval: N/A

Project Report Approved: N/A

Staff Contact: M. Wehner

CEQA Compliance: N/A

Subject: GWR SYSTEM REGULATORY UPDATE

SUMMARY

The GWR System Independent Advisory Panel convened in late September. A brief summary of the meeting will be presented to the Steering Committee. In addition, presentations from the meeting will be distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS

None

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Meeting Date: October 13, 2008
To: Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee

Budgeted: N/A
Budgeted Amount: N/A
Cost Estimate: N/A
Funding Source: N/A
Program/Line Item No.: N/A

From: Mike Markus/James Ruth
Staff Contact: W. Dunivin

General Counsel Approval: N/A
Project Report Approved: N/A
CEQA Compliance: N/A

Subject: GWR SYSTEM OPERATIONAL PROGRESS

SUMMARY

Operation of the Groundwater Replenishment System began in January 2008. An update on operational issues is provided below.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational

DISCUSSION

Plant production is limited by the flow available from the Orange County Sanitation District due to diurnal flow fluctuations. The new Ellis Ave Pump Station scheduled for completion in April 2009 will allow the operation of the plant at a continuous production rate of approximately 70 mgd. Currently plant production is limited to approximately 25 mgd between the hours of 2 am and 9 am and between 25 and 70 mgd between the hours of 9 am to 2 am.

During the month of September 2008 a total of 2805.42 acre feet were injected into the Talbert Barrier. Of this total 725.54 af has been blended water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) required to maintain a 25% blend. The blend is based on a 60 month running average. In addition a total of 2511.29 af was pumped to Kraemer/Miller Basin. During the month of August the microfiltration produced approximately 124.56 af of additional water for Green Acres to reduce demand on the use of supplemental deep well water.

Production in million gallons out of the GWR System is divided up in two categories in the table below:

	September 2008 (MG)	Total Production Year to Date (MG)
Seawater Intrusion Barrier (Does not include MWD water)	677.49	5150.26
Kraemer/Miller Basin Recharge	818.01	4630.13
Total	1495.50	9780.39

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS

None

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Meeting Date: October 13, 2008

Budgeted: N/A

To: Groundwater Replenishment
System Steering Committee

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Cost Estimate: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Program/Line Item No.: N/A

From: Mike Markus/James Ruth

General Counsel Approval: N/A

Project Report Approved: Yes

Staff Contact: S. Deshmukh/ E.Torres

CEQA Compliance: Yes

Subject: STATUS REPORT

SUMMARY

Staff will report on-going project issues.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

A. Grants and Loans Update

A summary of grants received to date is listed below:

	Original Amount	Received to Date	Currently Invoiced	Remaining
Environmental Protection Agency	\$0.5M	\$0.5M		
State Water Resources Control Board	\$5.0M	\$5.0M		
State Water Resources Control Board (Prop 13)	\$37.0M	\$37.0M		
Bureau of Reclamation	\$20.0M	\$19.1M	\$0.9M	
Department of Water Resources (Prop 13)	\$30.0M	\$27.0M	\$0	\$3.0M
Totals	\$92.5M	\$88.6M	\$0.9M	\$3.0M

B. Public Information and Outreach Highlights

Presentations & Tours

- Director Jan Debay and Mike Markus gave a briefing to the Mesa Consolidated Water District (MCWD) Board of Directors regarding OCWD activities including GWR System production.
- Mike Markus and Mike Wehner participated in a water forum sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) at the Tillman water treatment plant. Mayor Villaraigosa gave the opening remarks that outlined his 20-year recycling plan for the City. Staff brought purified water from the GWR System for the Mayor and officials to taste. California State Assemblyman Mike Duvall and Mike Markus gave a talk on the GWR System. Mike Wehner sat on a panel along with Tracy Egoscue, Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Regional Board; Gary Yamamoto, Acting Chief of the California Department of Public Health; Pankaj Parekh, Director of Water Quality Compliance of LADWP; and Mark Gold, President of Heal the Bay. The event, which was covered by media, was attended by approximately 200 people and the purpose was to launch LADWP's recycled water program, which includes a 15 million gallon per day advanced purification facility similar to the GWR System. This water will then be used for groundwater recharge.
- Director Phil Anthony and Mike Markus participated on a panel for a public forum on water recycling in San Diego that was hosted by Surfriders and BIOCOM. The panel was moderated by a reporter from "Voice of San Diego," an independent nonprofit news outlet, who has interviewed staff about the GWR System.
- Staff met with LADWP staff including the head of the water department Jim McDaniel to discuss our outreach efforts for the Groundwater Replenishment System.
- Tour: LA Department of Water and Power, LA Bureau of Sanitation, and LA Department of Public Works
- Tour: MWD Director Linda Ackerman
- Tour: JPIA/ACWA consultants Andy Sells, CFO; and Peter Kuchinski, Risk Manager
- Tour: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia State Health Department and Melbourne Water
- Tour: 50 attendees of OCWD Water 101 class
- Tour: El Segundo Assistant City Manager Bill Crowe, Guaymas (Mexico) Water Utility, and San Jose City Manager Debra Figone
- Tour: Public tour for about 30 residents
- Tour and short presentation: About 50 members of the Groundwater Resources Association toured the GWR as part of a conference.

Upcoming Tours & Presentations

- Tours for two high-profile elected officials were canceled this month due to schedule conflicts. Staff is working to reschedule tours for L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and California Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi.
- The California Municipal Treasurers Association (CMTA) is planning to hold its quarterly meeting at OCWD in October, which will include a presentation and tour of the GWR System.
- Pacific Water Quality Association, October 16
- Cal State Fullerton Hydrogeology, date TBD
- California Garden Clubs, date TBD
- Society for Advancement of Management, OC chapter, date TBD

Media

We continue to get media coverage and media requests for the GWR System. This month, the project was featured in the following media outlets and/or staff was interviewed for upcoming stories:

- An article came out in the August issue of Water 21 Magazine, a publication of the International Water Association. It was received too late for last month's update and is included in this month's attached media clips.
- Esquire Magazine interviewed Mike Markus this month for a short article coming out in the December issue about water recycling around the country.
- Time Magazine and other national new programs are focused on election and economic crisis, so our story is on hold until after the November election.
- The consumer magazine called "Angie's List" is postponing a story about the GWR System, opting to run the article as part of its environmental-themed issue due out in April 2009.

Other

- OCWD and OCSD were recognized by Orange County Coastkeeper with the Coastal Protection Award for the GWR System.
- In an unprecedented move, the California Special Districts Association co-awarded its Board President of the Year to two presidents: OCWD Board President Steve Sheldon and OCSD Chairman Doug Davert because of partnership with the GWR System. The award recognizes experience, effectiveness and leadership.