Daniel R. Ferons
SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY
and the Board of Directors thereof

## AGENDA

## SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT BOARD ROOM <br> June 11, 2013 <br> 1:30 p.m.

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
III. $\quad$ ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE
IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
A. Persons wishing address the Board of Directors on matters not listed on the Agenda may do so at this time. "Request to be Heard" forms are available at the entrance to the Board Room. Comments are limited to three minutes, unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer. Please submit the form to the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Those wishing to address the Board of Directors on any items listed on the Agenda should submit a "request to be Heard" form to the Secretary before the Presiding Officer announces that agenda item. Your name will be called to speak at that time.

## V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Consideration and Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 12, 2013.

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Staff Recommendation: Approve subject minutes.
B. Consideration and Action on Monthly Financial Statements for March, April and May 2013

Staff Recommendation: Receive and file the Monthly Financial Statements.

Note: Items on the CONSENT CALENDAR will be considered for approval without discussion in one vote. A Director may request that an item be taken off the Consent Calendar for full discussion.

## [END OF CONSENT CALENDAR]

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Action on Elections of Officers for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

## Staff Recommendation: Elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman; Appoint the Secretary and Treasurer.

B. Consideration and Action on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget $\qquad$
Staff Recommendation: Adopt the Fiscal 2013-2014 annual budget as presented.
C. Presentation on 2012 Annual Integrated Environmental Monitoring by Wildermuth Environmental

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Staff Recommendation: Receive and File the Report.
D. Consideration and Action on Selection of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Independent Auditor

Staff Recommendation: Authorize Charles Z. Fedak and Company in the amount of $\$ 4,000$ to perform audit services for Fiscal 2013 with the option to continue services for two additional years.
E. Consideration and Action on Release of Draft Groundwater Management Plan for Public Review

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Staff Recommendation: Authorize release of draft document upon completion of review by member agencies.
F. Consideration and Action on Preparation of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Foundational Action Plan Proposal for the Technical Efforts Related to the Optimization of the San Juan Groundwater Basin

Staff Recommendation: Authorize preparation and submittal of proposal.

## VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

IX. OTHER MATTERS
A. Open Discussion or items received too late to be agendized.

## X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on Operation of City of San Juan Capistrano and South Coast Water District Desalter Plants.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Margarita Water District, 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT
BOARD ROOM
March 12, 2013
A Meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the San Juan Basin Authority (SJ BA) was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at its principal place of business located at 26111 Antonio Parkway, Suite A, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. The following Directors and/ or Alternate Directors were present:

## Directors Present:

LARRY McKENNEY, Moulton Niguel Water District
LARRY KRAMER, City of San J uan Capistrano
DON BUNTS, Santa Margarita Water District
RICHARD R. ERKENEFF, South Coast Water District
Chairperson
Alternate Director
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Alternate Director
Directors Absent: None

## Support Services Present:

DANIEL R. FERONS Administrator
WEST CURRY Administrator

## Others Present:

Samantha Adams, Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
Vanessa Locklin, Legal Counsel
I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair McKenney called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McKenney led the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Locklin swore in Richard R. Erkeneff as Alternate Director for the South Coast Water District.
IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Gardner offered comments regarding the current and future development within the Basin. A recommendation was made to evaluate developments in the local area that may have an impact on the Basin.

Mr. Ferons announced the initiation of a website for the San Juan Basin Authority, www.sjbauthority.com. In the future, notices will be sent to interested parties directing them the website to obtain a copy of the board packet. He explained the various pages and information available. He noted that Kent Thomas, Consultant with Santa Margarita Water District is the author of the website. Mr. Ferons thanked Mr. Thomas for his efforts.

## V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Consideration and Action on Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 8, 2013.
B. Consideration and Action on Monthly Financial Statements for J anuary and February 2013.

## MOTION NO. 2013-03

Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director Bunts, seconded by Director Erkeneff, to approve the Consent Calendar (Item A - Approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting. Item B - Receive and file the Monthly Financial Statements for J anuary and February 2013). Motion passed 4-0.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation and Update on Preparation of Groundwater Management Plan.

Mr. Fersons reviewed the alternatives that have been identified:

- South Orange Coastal Ocean Desal Plant (SOCOD) not operational over the next 10 years.
o Alternative 1 - Management only
o Alternative 2 - Management with seawater barrier
o Alternative 3 - Seawater barrier and enhanced production
o Alternative 4 - Seawater barrier, enhanced production and recharge
o Alternative 5 - Production seawater barrier and indirect reuse
- SOCOD operational over the next 10 years
o Alternative 6 - Similar to Alternative 1 with SOCOD
o Alternative 7 - Similar to Alternative 5 with SOCOD
o Alternative 8 - Alternative 6 with SOCOD
Mr. Fersons responded to questions.
B. Consideration and Action on Letter of Support for Permit 21138, Application 30337, South Coast Water District Amended Petition for Extension of Time and Change of Conditions South Coast Water District.

Mr. Ferons noted that the State Water Resources Control Board requires confirmation from the SJ BA that it supports the Petition filed by the South Coast Water District. Two issues are being addressed: 1) A relaxation of the monitoring requirements to match the SJ BA's permit; and 2) a timing extension on when SCWD has to improve their operation to get their maximum.

## MOTION NO. 2013-04

Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Director Bunts, seconded by Director Erkeneff, to authorize the release of the letter to the State Water Recourses Control Board that supports the Petition filed by South Coast Water District (SCWD) to amend its monitoring requirements (Permit 21138, Conditions 16 and 17). Motion passed 4-0
C. Presentation and Update on Groundwater Monitoring Program.

Samantha Adams, Wildermuth Environmental, Inc, provided an update on the monitoring of the water quality program. She noted that monitoring is currently done on a quarterly basis.

## VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's Report.

## VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Locklin reminded the Directors to file their Form 700s, which are due the first of April.
IX. OTHER MATTERS
A. Open Discussion or items received too late to be agendized.
X. INFORMATION ITEMS
A. Presentation by West Curry on the City of San Juan Capistrano Groundwater Recovery Plant Current Status.

Mr. Curry reported a couple wells down, produced 2,500 acre feet to date for production in drinking water; and is $70 \%$ of what was extracted. He noted there is a $30 \%$ loss in the treatment process. The plant is running extremely well since the modification to the filters. The Prop 50 plant expansion is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2013. The expansion efforts will allow the plant to produce 6 MGD a day.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

The next Regular Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Margarita Water District, 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct copy of the Minutes adopted by the Board of Directors of the SANJ UAN BASIN AUTHORITY.

[^0]San Juan Basin Authority Financial Statements
March 31, 2013



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TO: Board of Directors DATE: June 11, 2013
FROM: Daniel R. Ferons
West Curry
SUBJECT: Elections of Officers for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

## SUMMARY

Issue: Per the Bylaws, the Board elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman annually in June and appoints the Authority Secretary and Treasurer. Historically, the Administrator has been appointed Secretary, which is currently Dan Ferons and the Treasurer has been the SMWD Director of Finance, currently Kristin Griffith.

Recommendation: Elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman; Appoint the Secretary and Treasurer.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact, individuals are not compensated for positions.
Previously Related Action: The Authority annually appoints officers.

## DISCUSSION

Background
In June 2012, the Board elected Mike Dunbar, South Coast Water District, as the Chairman and Laura Freese, City of San Juan Capistrano as the Vice-Chairman. Upon Mr. Dunbar's retirement, the current Chairman, Larry McKenney, Moulton Niguel Water District was elected in November. The City of San Juan Capistrano appointed Larry Kramer to replace Laura Freese, however, the SJBA did not hold an election for Vice-Chairman and the position is currently open.

For a number of years, Santa Margarita Water District has provided contract financial services for the SJBA and the Director of Finance for the District has been appointed as the Treasurer. The responsibilities include financial reporting, review of invoices and payments, annual audit and investments.

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In March 2010, West Curry of City of San Juan Capistrano and Dan Ferons of SMWD were named as Co-Administrators of the Authority responsible for day-to-day management and preparation of board reports and packages. The official records for the Authority are stored at SMWD and the Board appointed Mr. Ferons as the Secretary. Neither Mr. Curry nor Mr. Ferons receive any compensation from the Authority for the services.

## Action Items:

1. Elect a Chairman based on motion and second by Board member nominating a candidate.
2. Elect a Vice-Chairman based on motion and second by Board member nominating a candidate.
3. Appoint a Secretary, based on motion and second by Board member nominating a candidate; may be a board member or Co-Administer.
4. Appoint a Treasurer based on motion and second by Board member nominating a candidate. Recommended to be SMWD Direct of Finance, Ms. Kristin Griffith.

TO:
Board of Directors
DATE: June 11, 2013
FROM: Dan Ferons

## SUBJECT: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget

## SUMMARY

Issue: Annually the Authority adopts a fiscal budget for its operation. The draft budget was reviewed and discussed with the member agencies.

Recommendation: Adopt the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 annual budget as presented.
Fiscal Impact: Establishes the annual operating budget.
Previously Related Action: The Authority annually adopts an operating budget.

## DISCUSSION

The following proposed budget was reviewed with the member agencies:

| Account Description | FY 11/12 | Budget <br> FY 12/13 | Projected <br> FY 12/13 | Proposed <br> FY 13/14 |
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| Administration | $\$ 93,225$ | $\$ 132,125$ | $\$ 22,097$ | $\$ 73,500$ |
| Project Committee 4(022) | $\$ 44,000$ | $\$ 25,000$ | $\$ 15,500$ | $\$ 25,000$ |
| Project Committee 10 (025) | $\$ 224,000$ | $\$ 175,000$ | $\$ 115,000$ | $\$ 275,000$ |
| Project Committee 13 (032) | $\$ 8,500$ | $\$ 29,000$ | $\$ 29,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ |
| Total Budget | $\$ 389,725$ | $\$ 361,125$ | $\$ 181,597$ | $\$ 403,500$ |

## General Administration

- SMWD/CSJC provides general management and project management services. The budget provides for consultants acting as extended staff for the Authority.
- SMWD will provide Financial Services in the amount of \$6,225.
- The audit budget is $\$ 5,000$ for Charles Z. Fedak and Company.
- The legal services budget in the amount of $\$ 8,000$; this is an increase over actual expenses to provide for potential agreement revisions and update of policies.
- Secretarial budget for preparation of the minutes in the amount of $\$ 4,000$ is also included in the budget.

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## Project Committee 4 (022)

## Vegetation Monitoring

The budget remains at $\$ 25,000$ due to revised permit requirements. This item is required by the terms of the Water Rights permits to assess the effect of groundwater pumping on the native vegetation along San Juan creek. Special observation stations are located at key locations along San Juan Creek and routine observations are needed by a qualified biologist to determine the health of the vegetation during the different seasons of the year. General botanical observations including species composition, amount of yellowing and leaf drop and general wildlife observations are documented costs that are included in the contract with Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.

## Project committee 10 (025)

Hydrogeology Monitoring
The budget remains at $\$ 75,000$ due to revised permit requirements. The collection of hydrogeological data including static water level measurements in pumping wells and also monitoring wells is a requirement of the Water Rights permits. This data is used to calculate the amount of groundwater in storage in various segments of the groundwater basin. If the pumping results in a drawdown of $50 \%$ of the storage capacity, the SWRCB has the authority to order a cessation of pumping to avoid over-drafting of the Basin. Water Quality data is also collected in order to evaluate any adverse conditions that may develop. The cost for the monitoring program is included in the Wildermuth contract awarded for that purpose. Data is provided to SCWD for preparation of a similar report.

## Groundwater Management Plan

The preparation of the updated Groundwater Management Plan will be completed under the current authorization. A budget of $\$ 200,000$ is proposed for the optimization planning efforts as part of the MWD Foundation Action Program. The total scope of work is proposed to be $\$ 400,000$, with $\$ 200,000$ proposed from the program.

## Project Committee 13 (032)

## USGS - Loop Agreement Stream Gauging

This is a cooperative agreement with the USGS (Federal) and the County of Orange for the operation and maintenance of two gauging stations, one on San Juan Creek at La Novia, and one at Trabuco Creek near City Hall in San Juan Capistrano. The data collected from gauging stations are used to make various calculations on the amount of stream flow that is created each year and result in groundwater recharge and stream flow to the ocean. The cost last year was $\$ 29,000$, and an amount of $\$ 30,000$ is included in the proposed 2013-2014 budget.

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## Financial Impact

The following table summarizes the proposed contribution by agency for the fiscal year:

| Agency | Percentage | Amount to be deposited |
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| City of San Juan Capistrano | $25 \%$ | $\$ 100,875.00$ |
| Moulton Niguel Water District | $25 \%$ | $\$ 100,875.00$ |
| Santa Margarita Water District | $25 \%$ | $\$ 100,875.00$ |
| South Coast Water District | $25 \%$ | $\$ 100,875.00$ |
| Total | $100 \%$ | $\$ 403,500.00$ |

Annual billing will be adjusted to reflect any unencumbered funds remaining on deposit for each agency at the end of the fiscal year.

TO:
Board of Directors
DATE: June 11, 2013
FROM: Dan Ferons
SUBJECT: Presentation on 2012 Annual Integrated Environmental Monitoring by Wildermuth Environmental

## SUMMARY

Issue: The existing water rights permit requires annual compliance monitoring, however, this year the pumping did not trigger the need to prepare and file an annual report with the State Water Resources Control Board. Ms. Samantha Adams with Wildermuth Environmental will make a brief presentation on the 2012 monitoring efforts.

Recommendation: Receive and file the report.
Fiscal Impact: Annual cost for monitoring services.
Previously Related Action: The Authority annually reviews compliance monitoring.

## DISCUSSION

Wildermuth Environmental will provide a verbal report on the 2012 Annual Monitoring contract. Each member agency has been provided copies of the data collected for the year for its use. The annual pumping in 2012 under the San Juan Basin Authority water rights permit was approximately 4,500 Acre Feet which is under the trigger of 4,800 AF for reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board. This is the first year under the new permit terms which reduced the monitoring requirements until additional pumping occurs.

The following tables and reports are attached and will be discussed by Ms. Adams:

- Monthly Reported Production in the San Juan Basin - Calendar Year 2012
- Annual Reported Production in the San Juan Basin - Calendar Years 2004 through 2012
- Progress Report by Permittee


## [DRAFT VERSION]

## PROGRESS REPORT BY PERMITTEE FOR 2012

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Primary Owner: SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY<br>Primary Contact: SMWD

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MAX Collection to Storage: 0.0 AC-FT
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| I have reviewed my water right permit | Yes |  |  |  |  |


| 2. Compliance with Permit Terms and Conditions |  |
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| I am complying with all terms and conditions | Yes |
| Description of noncompliance with terms and conditions |  |


| 3. Changes to the Project |  |
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| Intake location has been changed |  |
| Description of intake location changes |  |
| Type of use has changed |  |
| Description of type of use changes | Page 20 |
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Other changes
Description of other changes

| 4-6. Permitted Project Status |  |
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| Project Status | Not Complete |
| 6a. Construction <br> work has <br> commenced | Yes |
| 6b. Construction is <br> completed | No |
| 6c. Beneficial uses <br> of water has <br> commenced | Yes |
| 6d. Project will be <br> completed within the <br> time period specified <br> in the permit | Yes |
| 6e. Explanation of <br> work remaining to <br> be done | The permit requires completion of construction by December 31, 2035. To maximize <br> the water right by this date, the Groundwater Recovery Plant needs to be upgraded to <br> increase the total treatment capacity. Additional production wells may also be <br> constructed once the plant capacity is increased. |
| 6f. Estimated date <br> of completion | $12 / 31 / 2035$ |


| 7. Purpose of Use |  |
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| Municipal | 40000 |


| Month |  | 8. Amount of Water Diverted and Used <br> Amount directly diverted or <br> collected to storage <br> (Acre-Feet) |  | Amount used <br> (Acre-Feet) |
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| February | 437 | 437 |  |  |
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| April | 248 | 248 |  |  |
| May | 431 | 431 |  |  |
| June | 443 | 443 |  |  |
| July | 522 | 522 |  |  |
| August | 433 | 433 |  |  |
| September | 414 | 414 |  |  |
| October | 450 | 450 |  |  |
| November | 401 | 401 |  |  |
| December | 28 | 28 |  |  |
| Total | 4582 | 4582 |  |  |
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| 9. Maximum Rate of Diversion for each Month    <br> Month Maximum Rate of Diversion   <br> ()    |
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| 10. Storage |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Reservoir <br> name | Spilled <br> this year | Feet below spillway at <br> maximum storage | Completely <br> emptied | Feet below spillway at <br> minimum storage | Method used to <br> measure water <br> level |  |
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| Conservation of Water | Yes |
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| 11. Are you now employing water conservation efforts? |  |
| Description of water conservation efforts |  |
| 12. Amount of water conserved |  |


| Water Quality and Wastewater Reclamation |  |
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| 13. During the period covered by this Report, did you use reclaimed water from a wastewater treatment <br> facility, water from a desalination facility, or water polluted by waste to a degree which unreasonably <br> affects the water for other beneficial uses? | No |
| 14. Amount of reclaimed, desalinated, or polluted water used |  |


| Conjuctive Use of Groundwater and Surface Water |  |
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| 15. During the period covered by this Report, were you using groundwater in lieu of available surface <br> water authorized under your permit? | No |
| 16. Amounts of groundwater used |  |

## Additional Remarks

Permit Condition 17 requires the SJBA to monitor and report on groundwater levels for diversions in excess of 4,800 acre-ft. During 2012, total diversions were 4,582 acre-ft, so monitoring and reporting are not required. However, SJBA did continue to report quarterly groundwater levels to DWR in compliance with CASGEM. Permit Condition 17 requires the SJBA to monitor and report on groundwater levels for diversions in excess of 4,800 acre-ft. During 2012, total diversions were 4,582 acre-ft, so monitoring and reporting are not required. Permit Condition 23 requires the SJBA to monitor and report on native vegetation in San Juan Creek for diversions in excess of 4,800 acre-ft. During 2012, total diversions were 4,582 acre-ft, so monitoring and reporting are not required.

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| Contact Information of the Person Submitting the Form |  |
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| Last Name | Ferons |
| Relation to Water Right | Agent |


Annual Reported Production in the San Juan Basin－Calendar Years 2004 through 2012

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Monthly Reported Production in the San Juan Basin - Calendar Year 2012


## SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY

TO:
Board of Directors
DATE: June 11, 2013
FROM: Dan Ferons
SUBJECT: Consideration and Action on Selection of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Independent Auditor

## SUMMARY

Issue: Annually the Authority contracts for preparation of an audit.
Recommendation: Authorize Charles Z. Fedak and Company in the amount of $\$ 4,000$ to perform audit services for Fiscal 2013 with the option to continue services for two additional years.

Fiscal Impact: Audit services are budget annually.
Previously Related Action: The Authority annually authorizes audit services.

## DISCUSSION

The Santa Margarita Water District went out for Request For Proposals (RFP) in 2013 for auditing services and included the Authority's audit for comparison purposes to the previous year's audit.

The recommendation is to approve Charles Z. Fedak \& Company in the amount of $\$ 4,000$ for audit services for FY2013 with the option to continue services for two additional years.

This is a not only a cost savings to the Authority but they are local firm as opposed to a Sacramento-based company as was the previous auditor. The amount of the fee is competitive considering the size of the Authority. The auditors anticipate conducting the audit at the end of August with final statements available for Board review in September.

As a matter of policy, the Board has previously recommended the changing of auditors from time-to-time. In previous years the Authority has used both Fechter \& Company and Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. for auditing services.

| San Juan Basin Authority Audit Services |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Charles Z. Fedak \& Company | FY2013 | $\$ 4,000.00$ |
| Fechter \& Company | FY2012 | $\$ 5,800.00$ |
| Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. | FY2011 | $\$ 6,775.00$ |

# Cost Proposal <br> Independent Auditor Services <br> For The 



San Juan Basin Authority


April 5, 2013

Board of Directors
San Juan Basin Authority
26111 Antonio Parkway
Rancho Santa Margarita CA 92688

## Re: Request for Proposal for Independent Auditor Services

Dear Board Members:
Based on our understanding of the San Juan Basin Authority's (Authority) requirements, our fee for audit services for the fiscal year ending June $\mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 1 3}$ is $\mathbf{\$ 4 , 0 0 0}$. This fee is based on our understanding of the Authority's audit requirements.

Assuming there is no substantial change in the Authority's activities and operations, our fee for audit services for all future fiscal years would be $\$ 4,000$.

Our estimate for out-of-pocket expenses is part of our operating rate structure. Again, these fees are based on the estimated costs to complete the audit.

The components of this audit services fee proposal are itemized in the attached Exhibits.
Our not-to-exceed fee proposal is contingent upon our understanding of your requirements and the assistance we require to perform the audit testwork.

Additional services not included in this proposal will be based on our discounted billing rates based on the level of experience required. We would execute a separate contract for these services, if they are requested by the Authority.

I am authorized to make representations for Charles Z. Fedak \& Company, CPAs an Accountancy Corporation and am duly authorized to sign a contract with the Authority.

## Exhibit I - Proposed Hours and Our Fees

## Proposed Hours and Our Fees

We anticipate that, for the years ending June 30, 2013 and beyond, the audit of the Authority will approximate 34 audit hours. These hours, by major area, are summarized as follows:

| Audit Steps | Partner | Manager | $\underline{\text { Staff }}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Planning | - | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Control Testwork | - | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Substantive Testwork | 1 | 2 | 10 | 13 |
| Reporting | 1 | 4 | $\underline{10}$ | $\underline{15}$ |
| Total Hours | $\underline{\underline{2}}$ | 8 | $\underline{\underline{24}}$ | $\underline{\underline{34}}$ |

As shown above, we expect approximately $30 \%$ of engagement hours to come from the Partners and Managers assigned to the engagement.
Working on the premise that we will be provided with a year-end trial balance, along with an audit package of reconciled balances and supporting schedules of all balance sheet accounts, we expect to perform the audit of the Authority at fees as stated in the attached Schedule of Professional Fees on Page 3 for the years ending June 30, 2013 and beyond.
Our fees are based on the product of the time spent on the engagement and the billing rates of the individuals assigned, plus out-of-pocket costs (such as, report reproductions, typing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.). We will obtain the assistance of the Authority's personnel to the extent possible and otherwise endeavor to keep these charges to a minimum. We will submit progress billings monthly to your office as our work progresses, which will be due and payable thirty days from the date of the invoice.

Based upon the present size and scope of the activities of the Authority, we expect to perform the services enumerated above at our standard hourly rates. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to the audits.

In accordance with your request for proposal and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, we will maintain our work papers for at least five years and make them available to the Authority, state agencies, the General Accounting Office, and other parties upon the direction of the Authority.

We want the Board to understand that we will provide any assistance and answer any questions that the Authority's staff or members of the Board may have when they arise for the entire duration of our contract. We find it important to stay abreast of the Authority's activities and accounting issues during the entire engagement.

We would like to thank you and the Board for the opportunity to submit a proposal for the auditing services of the Authority. Because of our experience in special districts and our interest in the Authority, we will provide you with assistance in your operations as well as meet the audit needs of the organization. We will also continually make recommendations on these and other matters that come to our attention. We are proud of the professional services we provide and encourage you to make inquiries to any of our clients about their satisfaction with our services and the quality of our staff.

## Exhibit II - Schedule of Professional Fees

| FISCAL YEAR 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Breakdown of Fees by Hours |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiscal Year 2013 Audit of: | Hours |  | Hourly <br> Rates |  | otal |
| Authority's Basic Financial Statements |  |  |  |  |  |
| Partner | 2 | \$ | 200.00 | \$ | 400 |
| Manager | 8 |  | 150.00 |  | 1,200 |
| Staff | 24 |  | 100.00 |  | 2,400 |
| Total Financial Statement Audit for 2013 | 34 |  |  | \$ | 4,000 |

## SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY

TO: Board of Directors DATE: June 11, 2013
FROM: Dan Ferons
SUBJECT: Consideration and Action on Release of Draft Groundwater Management and Facilities Plan for Public Review

## SUMMARY

Issue: Wildermuth Environmental has prepared the draft document and the Authority Technical Advisory Committee members have received screen check copies for final review. The member agencies' review is anticipated to be completed by the end of the week.

Recommendation: Authorize release of draft document upon completion of review by member agencies.

Fiscal Impact: Release of the document will not have a direct financial impact other than printing copies for public display at each agency.

Previously Related Action: The Authority authorized preparation of the plan.

## DISCUSSION

Wildermuth Environmental has prepared a draft update of the Groundwater Management and Facilities Plan for the San Juan Basin. The document is currently under final review by the member agencies and it has proposed to release the draft document for public review the week of June $17^{\text {th }}$. Portions may be released for use in development of the proposed response to the Request for Proposals for the MWD Fundamental Action Funding Program.

The Authority will schedule a meeting for public input on the draft document in July and consider adoption in July or August depending on the level of input and time to prepare responses.

## SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY

TO:
Board of Directors
FROM: Daniel R. Ferons
West Curry

## SUBJECT: Preparation of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Foundational Action Plan Proposal for the Technical Efforts Related to the Optimization of the San Juan Groundwater Basin

## SUMMARY

Issue: Metropolitan Water District has issued a Request-ForProposals for its Foundational Actions Funding Program (FAF Program). The program will provide 50/50 grants to help fund actions that reduce barriers to future water production. SJBA is contemplating submitting a proposal in conjunction with MWDOC to optimize the groundwater development in the lower San Juan Basin. The project can be done by the Authority as a whole or as a project committee with an agreement for additional participants such as MWDOC.

Recommendation: Authorize preparation and submittal of proposal.

Fiscal Impact: Proposal requires a minimum of $50 \%$ match by agency.

Previously Related Action: The Authority has authorized update of its Groundwater Management Plan.

## DISCUSSION

The FAF Program was developed by MWD to promote technical studies within its service area to further effective future resource planning and development of project enhancements including the following resource types:

MWD 2013 Request for Proposals for Foundational Actions Funding Program

Key Dates:
Proposal Due: July 3, 2013 @
11:00 AM

Proposals Awarded: September 17, 2013 (Subject to Board Action)

Agreement Signed by Recipient Due: November 15, 2013

Work Initiation Deadline: January 31, 2014

Final Report Due: February 1, 2016

Process:

1. MWD may negotiate proposal scope and funding changes
2. Quarterly reports and invoices are required
3. Annual reports required for five years to document post grant activities
4. $25 \%$ retention on until Final Report is accepted by MWD.

- Direct and indirect recycled water use
- Seawater desalination
- Stormwater
- Groundwater enhancement


## Project Background

The Authority is actively completing the update of the San Juan Basin Groundwater and Facilities Plan (GMP). In March 2013 a presentation was made at the Board Meeting which highlighted the various alternatives that have been included in the draft GMP. The alternatives include activities if the South Orange County Ocean Desalter (now known as the Doheny Desalter) is developed within the next 10 years and activities if it is not.

The GMP is based on the modeling prepared by Geosciences under contract with MWDOC for the desalter. The modeling shows the basin capacity is less than previously thought and current water in storage is approximately 24,000 acre feet. Another key point taken from the modeling is that under dry and average conditions, the projected groundwater extraction by existing users will cause seawater intrusion without the desalter project. With the development of the desalter, the beach wells will also impact the basin requiring additional mitigation or modified operations. The alternatives include:

- Active monitoring to reduce production when required to avoid seawater intrusion
- Development of storm water recharge in San Juan Creek
- Development of recycled water recharge with water from the 3A Plant or Latham Plants
- Development of a seawater barrier through a pumping trough or through injection
- Development of new wells in strategic locations

The various elements can be used individually or conjunctively. If used conjunctively, the potential is to optimize basin production through the recharge efforts and development of new wells. The groundwater basin would be managed as a seasonal storage reservoir to maximize groundwater production while meeting environmental obligations.

## Nexus with Doheny Desalter

Management of the basin includes potential development of a seawater barrier along the Dana Point coast. Two alternatives are proposed:

- Development of a pumping trough with wells along the coast. The concept is to create a pumping trough or groundwater depression near the coast that would intercept brackish groundwater (and eventually seawater), stop the intrusion from moving inland and develop a new water supply.
- Development of a seawater intrusion barrier using injection wells. This concept is to create a mound of groundwater which keeps the seawater out of the basin.

The ocean desalter project proposes to use slant wells along the coast to collect seawater. The development of the slant wells may provide for development of the trough to protect the basin. Conversely, development of vertical wells by the Authority may provide source water for the desalter in lieu of slant wells.

The goals of both the desalter and the GMP are to develop local water supplies, maximizing the available resources and facilities in an environmentally friendly manner.

## The Proposed Proposal Response

Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) has indicated that MWD has allocated $\$ 500,000$ to each member agency and that MWDOC will apply for $\$ 100,000$ for the WateReuse initiative for research into direct/indirect reuse of recycled water. The preliminary indication is that the Doheny Desalter and the Authority are the only other potential projects. As noted above, there is a nexus between the projects and it is proposed that the response to MWD RFP will be closely coordinated. The key areas highlighted by MWD align well with the South Orange County projects as noted (the order is not significant):

- Direct and indirect recycled water use: The proposal includes review of the groundwater capability for recharge with recycled water, the unique approach proposed by the basin is to utilize tertiary treated water to recharge the basin and use membrane technology when the water is treated to be used for drinking water. The basin is an underground flowing stream and surface water treatment rules apply. The key study points are travel time, recycled water contribution at recovery wells, recharge capacity, well location and benefits of soil-aquifer treatment processes.
- Seawater desalination: Development of a trough through vertical or slant wells as a source of feed water to the Desalter. This provides an option for protection from seawater intrusion into the basin. This element can be either a desalter or authority line item and requires coordination to avoid duplication yet provide project coverage.
- Stormwater: Modeling indicates that the basin discharges a substantial amount of stormwater; the proposal is to review the capability for active stormwater recharge management. The techniques can also be used for low flow urban return flow recharge.
- Groundwater enhancement: The basin has been defined as an underground flowing stream, in typical groundwater management $10 \%$ to $20 \%$ of the storage capability is utilized for active production. The projected use from existing users is over 11,000 AF which approaches $50 \%$ of water stored in the basin. With active recharge, the production is projected to potentially meet or exceed the 20,000 acre-ft/yr. The proposal will review the active groundwater basin management and potential sites for recharge.

The proposal will further development of groundwater basins and the techniques, if successful, may be applicable in groundwater basins throughout Southern California. The work components will include:

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- Hydrogeology investigation including modeling, additional monitoring and field investigation efforts.
- Identification of permitting requirements including, but not limited to, State Water Resources Control Board, Regional Board, and California Department of Public Health.
- Engineering and planning efforts to identify project components and cost elements

Detailed scopes of work will be developed, however the projected cost for the effort is currently estimated to be $\$ 400,000$ for the fiscal year for tasks applicable to the Authority. The FAF Program would be requested to provide $\$ 200,000$ and the Authority would provide the balance.

Based on discussion with MWDOC and the desalter participants, the proposal may be expanded or reduced to reflect the efforts to develop both projects. In addition, the Authority may develop agreements with MWDOC, member agencies or other agencies for participation in the project. The City of San Clemente and the Laguna Beach County Water District are participants in the desalter and not members of the Authority.

The request is to authorize preparation of a draft proposal for submittal to MWDOC by June 18 with the final proposal to be submitted in time for MWDOC to submit by July $3^{\text {rd }}$. The work will be developed through the SJBA Technical Advisory Committee which consists of engineers/operators from each of the member agencies as well as technical staff from any other participants. Copies of the draft proposal will be provided to the member agencies and the Board Members and a special board meeting may be called as required if significant questions or concerns are raised during the review.


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