

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to membership in the Water Research Foundation.

Recommendation for Council action:

CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' (Board) action of August 27, 2013, Resolution No. 014-036, authorizing a replacement agreement that will allow the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to continue its membership and participation in the Water Research Foundation with total expenditure authority up to \$1,590,000 for subscription fees and special studies performed on an as-needed basis during a three-year term effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the proposed membership will result in a total expenditure not to exceed \$1,590,000 from the Water Revenue Fund; however there is no impact on the City's General Fund. This project complies with the LADWP adopted Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 28, 2013**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 25, 2013)**

Summary:

On October 2, 2013, your Committee considered August 28, 2013 Board and July 12, 2013 CAO reports relative to membership in the Water Research Foundation. According to the CAO, the LADWP is requesting approval of a proposed resolution to authorize a replacement agreement that will allow the LADWP to continue its membership and participation with the Water Research Foundation (WRF). The WRF conducts research related to drinking water quality and treatment and utility infrastructure to help water providers and public health agencies provide safe and affordable drinking water. Approval of the proposed agreement provides an expenditure authority amount not to exceed \$1,590,000 over a three year term effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015. The total annual cost is not to exceed \$530,000 consisting of \$280,000 for a subscription fee and up to \$250,000 to fund special studies on an as-needed basis.

The LADWP has been a member of this organization since 1986 and has benefited from participation in 116 research projects. The LADWP states the total value of the research is approximately \$43 million. The WRF, originally named .the American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF) was launched in 1966 with seed money from the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and federal grants. In 1983, the Foundation brought together the three major North American water supply organizations: AWWA, the National Association of Water Companies, and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies to support the Foundation's mission. In 2008, the Foundation's Board of Trustees voted to change AWWARF's name to the WRF.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend concurring with the Board's action as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
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KORETZ:	YES

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