

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: June 12, 2013

Board Item: V-A-14

2013 Subscriber Fees for the Water Research Foundation

Action by Consent

Action

Information

The Water Research Foundation provides service to the water industry by conducting research on behalf of its member utilities, consultants and equipment manufacturers. This research has proven to be effective in advancing technology and in providing a science base for water-quality regulations. Since 1987, a key component of the Foundation's research funding has come through subscription contributions from member utilities. Contributions are based on a formula that includes the amount of water produced by a utility minus the water purchased and sold. Denver Water is one of the original, founding subscribers of the Water Research Foundation.

Denver Water became a fully-paying subscriber of the Water Research Foundation in June 2012 for the first time in many years. The agreement to fully-fund dues came with a commitment to increase membership value to Denver Water. Since last year, staff has met with leadership of the Water Research Foundation several times to develop a general plan of engagement. Water Research Foundation staff conducted a workshop for Denver Water employees to provide an overview of Foundation services. All Section Leaders now have access to the Foundation's website and receive all electronic newsletters and updates. There is a single point of contact at Denver Water to coordinate research efforts. Three letters of support have been submitted in an effort to engage actively in research projects related to water quality and climate change. And CEO Jim Lochhead was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Water Research Foundation's board of directors. The level of engagement and value received from membership will be monitored to ensure that research conducted is valuable to Denver Water's interests, that research products are useful, and that staff have an opportunity to participate in applicable research projects.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve payment of 2013 subscriber fees to the Water Research Foundation in the amount of \$148,409. Sufficient funds have been included in the budget for this expenditure.

Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,



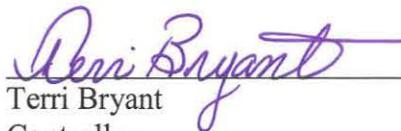
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