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10/17/07**SEASIDE GROUNDWATER BASIN  
WATERMASTER**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Watermaster Budget and Finance Committee by Dewey D Evans

**DATE:** October 17, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Implementation of a Volunteer Financial Assessment Policy to Share the Cost of Providing Annual Administrative Support

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**PURPOSE:**

Allow the parties directly affected by the court judgment and represented on the Watermaster Board of Directors to voluntarily share the annual financial cost of administration of the judgment.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In the interest of fiduciary fairness, the Watermaster Budget and Finance Committee recommends that the Board consider adopting a Volunteer Financial Assessment Policy for collection of a voluntary assessment from each party represented on the Board of Directors in the amount of one-thirteenth of the adopted annual administrative budgeted amount per vote allotted each party as stated in the court decision, with an annual cap of \$200,000 total administrative expenses to be prorated.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Watermaster Budget and Finance Committee in a recent meeting discussed prorating the administrative cost of the Watermaster by appealing to each party affected by the judgment to voluntarily pay a calculated assessment based on the voting strength of each. If a member party has the equivalent of one vote out of the thirteen as specified in the judgment and the adopted annual administrative budget is, as proposed for 2008, \$87,000 that party would be asked to pay one thirteenth of the \$87,000 or \$6,692. If a member party has ½ of a vote, that member would be asked to pay \$3,346; 2 votes \$13,384; 3 votes \$20,076. If in the future it is necessary to spend in excess of \$200,000 in any one year for administrative expenses, the current court decreed formula would continue for the amount over \$200,000. If any party chooses not to voluntarily pay the assessment, the current court decreed formula would continue for the amount of that party's calculated assessment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

A minimal cost would be incurred to administer assessments with minor or no fiscal impact on administrative budgeted amounts; the policy would mainly affect the source of administrative funding.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both primary and secondary data collection techniques. The primary data was gathered through direct observation and interviews, while secondary data was obtained from existing reports and databases.

The third section details the statistical analysis performed on the collected data. It describes the use of descriptive statistics to summarize the data and inferential statistics to test hypotheses. The results indicate a significant correlation between the variables being studied, which supports the research objectives.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the findings and their implications. It suggests that the results can be used to inform decision-making and to guide future research in this area. The author also acknowledges the limitations of the study and offers suggestions for further investigation.