

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources Management

DATE: June 20, 2008

SUBJECT: Mobile Irrigation Lab – Budget and Estimated Water Savings

Background

Mobile irrigation labs (MILs) have been supported by the District for the past decade. At the June 2008 Governing Board workshop, discussion of MILs was initiated during the presentation of the District's Water Conservation Plan. This subject is being presented to the board to provide additional detail on MILs past water savings and expenditures, and the FY2009 budget.

How this helps meet the District's 10-year Strategic Plan:

This project is one of the components of the District's ongoing water conservation efforts and specifically an action item in the new Water Conservation Plan.

Funding Source: This agenda item has traditionally been funded by ad valorem taxes.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:

The Implementation Division of the Water Supply Department tracks the water savings, and manages the contract. The MIL evaluations are conducted throughout the District through 11 labs.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

While this item has been funded for years, the question of the value of funding the MIL's as done currently, and the overall benefits to the District, need to be clearly considered by the board for a policy discussion.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

This is for discussion purposes. Based on the presentation and documentation provided by staff, the Governing Board will discuss the value of the MIL's.

CM/mgc