

Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy  
Board Packet Information  
Last Update: January 23, 2008

**Agenda Item:** Ratify approval of \$43,403 payment to Provo River Watershed Council (PRWC) for data collection to maintain water quality in the Provo River Watershed.

**Background:** The PRWC consists of members from several utilities, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEPARTMENT) and the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, which meet quarterly to discuss water quality monitoring and management practices of the Provo River Watershed. This has been an on-going effort since 1985. As a result of discussions at the PRWC meetings, an Annual Agreement for Water Quality Monitoring and Management Study for Provo River Watershed is put together and the cost shared by members of the PRWC. The Agreement is signed by the following parties: the DEPARTMENT, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, Metropolitan Water District of Orem, Metropolitan Water District of Provo, Wasatch County, Mountainland Association of Governments and the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. The service period of this Agreement is from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. A copy of the contract is available for review.

The District's monetary contribution for the above period is \$43,403. This amount was approved in the FY 2008 budget. This expenditure was discussed at the Engineering Committee meeting in December 2007. The agreement has been signed. It was discussed and recommended that authorization of expenditures of this nature (e.g., budgeted, routine, anticipated agreements) that are greater than \$25,000 be incorporated into the annual budget.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the board ratify the expenditure in the amount of \$43,403. Staff will work to incorporate the suggested changes in approach to authorization of expenditures into the upcoming budget.