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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2019

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authorization for payment to Barnes & Thornburg LLP for the 2019 Federal Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) membership dues in the amount of $12,500.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to make payment to Barnes & Thornburg LLP for the 2019 Federal Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) membership dues in the amount of $12,500.00. The term of the District's membership is January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

The Coalition is a group of industrial companies, municipalities, agricultural parties, and trade associations. The Coalition's members are directly affected by, or have members that are directly affected by, regulatory requirements imposed under the Clean Water Act. The Coalition participates in federal and regional water quality rulemakings, initiatives, and guidance development, through negotiation, written comments, and litigation. The Coalition's goal is to ensure that water quality programs are focused, flexible, and founded on sound science. The Coalition addresses many issues, including Total Maximum Daily Loads, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting issues, Stormwater permits, mercury issues, and water quality standards. These activities are managed by the Coalition's coordinator, Barnes & Thornburg LLP.

Inasmuch as Federal Water Quality Coalition membership is not available through any other source, nothing would be gained by advertising for bids (Section 11.4 of the Purchasing Act).

It is hereby recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize payment, by direct voucher, to Barnes & Thornburg LLP, in the amount of $12,500.00. Funds are available in Account 101-15000-612280.

Requested, Eileen M. McElligott, Administrative Services Officer, JRM:TG:PS
Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management
Respectfully Submitted, Barbara J. McGowan, Chairman Committee on Procurement
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for February 7, 2019