SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-D**

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date : June 3, 2010

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE UNNEEDED DISTRICT LANDS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a presentation on the progress of the Land Management Committee and Other Activities regarding Unneeded District Lands and provide direction to the Committee and General Manager.

FISCAL IMPACT: No direct impact.

DISCUSSION:

The Land Management Committee held a meeting on May 14 to discuss next steps with the District Unneeded Lands Strategy. The focus of the meeting was the proposed public workshop that was presented as part of the effort in the May meeting presentation on this item. The Committee agreed on the following points:

- The goal of the workshop is to present the District's strategy to the public and to get feedback and proposals from groups in an informal, back and forth setting that invites a community discussion.
- The focus of the workshop would be on the larger parcels.
- The date of the workshop is proposed for July 22 and start time would be 6:30. Location could be the Monte Rio Community Center (assuming availability).
- Community outreach is necessary to make this a successful meeting. This would include:
    - Information on Website
    - Press release
    - Direct email contact with possible interested groups
- A successful outcome would be conceptual proposals for a number of parcels from groups that the Board could feel comfortable directing staff to with.

With Board concurrence, staff will work to make this workshop a success.

During the past month, the General Manager took a field investigation of the large parcels behind the Monte Rio Terraces with engineers from Peter Lescure Engineers to recon the parcels' suitability for wastewater disposal. There is suitable land, but the elevation of the lands would make this a costly approach for wastewater disposal.