SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

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

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date: March 4, 2010

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDITOR SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Direct staff to issue a request for proposals/ qualifications for District auditing services.

FISCAL IMPACT: none.

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Directors approved the District's FY 2008-2009 audit at the February meeting. The District's auditor, Michael Celentano, has provided auditing services for the District for five years. A common recommendation regarding auditing services is that an agency change auditors every 3-5 years to ensure a outside auditor gets a fresh look at agency finances and financial processes, and to ensure that the relationship between agency staff and the auditors remain at an appropriate distance.

Staff is very happy with the services that Mr. Celetano has provided, but, in accordance with the above recommendation, realize that a change is appropriate. Staff will be preparing the request for proposals/qualifications and will work to develop an agreement with an auditor that provides accurate and cost effective auditing services for the District in time for reviewing this current fiscal year.

When an agreement with an auditing firm has been completed, it will be brought to the Board for its approval.