



Item No. 3b

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM

January 20, 2010

To: Board of Directors

From: Administration & Finance Committee

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**Subject: Water Conservation Kickoff Workshop
Feb 23-24, 2010
Henderson, Nevada**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of Directors consider authorizing staff and Directors to attend the above referenced workshop.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (to be determined at Committee meeting)

REPORT

Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Anne Castle will be hosting a Workshop on water conservation in Henderson, NV, on February 23-24, 2010. The objective of this Workshop is to kick off Interior's new water conservation initiative by bringing together representatives from a broad spectrum of Colorado River water interest groups for a wide-ranging discussion concerning water conservation and related issues including demand reduction, reuse and recycling techniques, incentives, land use policies, and creative methods for stretching limited supplies. The Workshop will solicit input on the role that Department of the Interior might play to assist water users in promoting conservation. Participants can expect to receive an overview of anticipated impacts of climate change on water supplies in the Colorado River and available federal water management tools. Input from participants to Federal leaders is requested on experience with water conservation methodologies: what is working, what is not, and what has proved to be most cost effective. The Workshop will also include discussion of areas where the development of additional tools can be federally facilitated.

Approximate cost: \$800