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West Valley Water Association

WEST VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the April 13th, 2017 Planning Committee Meeting held at Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 W. Thunderbird Rd, Glendale. **Throughout this meeting summary, action items are in bold font.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Drew Swieczkowski, City of Glendale
Mark Holmes, City of Goodyear
Ron Whitler, City of Buckeye
Christine Nunez, City of Surprise

Heather Turrentine, EPCOR
Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria
Douglas Frost, City of Phoenix
Lacey James, City of Avondale

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

None

INTERESTED PARTIES

John Rasmussen, Reclamation
Jay Corum, Reclamation
Deborah Tosline, Reclamation
Nathan Miller, Southwest Groundwater
Steve Noel, Southwest Groundwater
Eileen Dunn, City of Surprise
Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear

Ray Diaz, City of Goodyear
David Allred, City of Avondale
Angie Lohse, CAP
Don Breeding, MWD
Stuart Peckham, SRP

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ron Whitler moved to approve the meeting notes from the March 9, 2017 Planning Committee meeting, and Douglas Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports

Executive Director's Report

Teresa Makinen updated provided an update on current activities noting that the Management Committee will be voting on the incorporation and 501(c)(4) status for West Valley Water Association at their meeting next week. Mark Holmes stated that we should probably put together a transition plan as some members will require a Council action.

Mark Holmes further stated that he wanted to be sure that a quorum is properly defined in the by-laws. There was then a brief discussion about the area of eligibility for membership in West Valley Water Association, stating that the current definition doesn't include Tonopah or Hassayampa, or the Rainbow Valley, Lake Pleasant, or Hassayampa basins. The group worked to redefine the area and it was asked to bring that up at the Management Committee to make sure that we're including all the pertinent West Valley water interests. Teresa then noted that we need to have the Management Committee change the term for officers to align with their discussion earlier this year, which was after the by-laws had been sent to the legal folks.

4. BOR Report

John Rasmussen then provided information on the current basin study information, stating that it would be helpful if someone could provide information on previous supply and demand studies for him to use as a starting place. He further discussed that he could get or ask the members for current existing information, probably by going through web information. We'd need to determine how the existing infrastructure allows us to mitigate problems in the future, and looking at the model results to focus in on preventing and planning for mitigation strategies. He asked, will the previous studies that the group has completed assist in addressing mitigation strategies? Mark Holmes responded that there are only so many categories of mitigation, it could be increased recharge or enhanced conservation measures.

John then introduced Jay Corum who will conduct the GIS recharge analysis and will begin focusing on that to complete that component in a timely manner. that may developed The presentation included a description of existing facilities compiled from the website, how existing infrastructure allow us to meet their priorities in the future, looking at model results to prioritize and plan for mitigation strategies, will previous studies assist in assessing mitigating strategies etc. Mark Holmes brought up that there are only so many strategies of mitigation.

Nathan Miller then presented information related to the groundwater modeling results and stated he would send that information to Teresa with a comment form, for Teresa to send out to the members. The group discussed some initial thoughts related to the model information, to include the colors used versus the impacts, addressing dry cells, understanding that the maps are generated based on model layer 3, label boundaries, reducing assured water supply to 2060, and where does the number "6348" come from in the legend. Nathan stated that the areas the members might want to review is in Appendix D for each entity the effluent and pumping breakdown, which is based on the CAP:SAM model; and at the end of that Appendix, the maps for each entity of the distribution of wells for each scenario.

5. WVWA Support of WaterSense

Drew Swieczkowski stated that Ron Whitler had sent out to information regarding WaterSense and asked the group if we should support that by signing into the WaterSense website. Ron Whitler moved that the Planning Committee should recommend to the Management Committee that the West Valley Water Association sign in as a supporting organization, and Mark Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Strategic Planning Team Updates
Drew Swieczkowski provided information from the three team leaders, who were asked to provide the top priorities for their strategic plan objective. Drew reviewed this information and the group discussed each of the objectives and priorities, and Drew stated that he would provide this information to the Management Committee members so that they can provide their comments and make sure that the Planning Committee is moving in the right direction.
7. Legislative/Regulatory Update
Alan Dulaney provided a legislative update.
8. New Business
None.
9. Call to the Public
None present.
10. Member Updates
Members wishing to provide information to the Planning Committee did so.
11. Next Meeting and Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on May 18, 2017 at 1:30 pm.