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WEST VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the May 18th, 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

Ron Whittler, City of Buckeye
Christine Nunez, City of Surprise
Eileen Dunn, City of Surprise
Drew Swieczkowski, City of Glendale
Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria
Douglas Frost, City of Phoenix

Mark Holmes, City of Goodyear
Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear
Shawn Kreuzwiesner, City of Avondale
Lacey James, City of Avondale
Robert Romo, Arizona Water Co

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Kupel, City of Glendale

INTERESTED PARTIES

Deborah Tosline, Reclamation

Stuart Peckham, SRP

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Robert Romo moved to approve the meeting notes from the April 13th, 2017 Planning Committee meeting, and Eileen Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports

Executive Director's Report

Teresa Makinen said that the Management Committee approved the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation with some small edits. **She will make the final documents available for review once they have been accepted.** Doug Kupel signed the documents, which are now at the Arizona Corporation Commission for processing and will then go to the Internal Revenue Service for the 501(c)(4) designation.

We can then proceed with the transition plan to develop forms and identify potential and current members that can work through their organization for formal memberships. Doug Kupel said that this is the governing document for grants and it is a paid membership, and suggested that the members share the documents with their attorneys. Alan Dulaney asked if anyone planned on taking this before their respective councils, to which Mark Holmes said yes, to help decide the designated representative on the Board of Directors. Doug mentioned that if we had more money, we would have more action. Mark said that the Board will set dues based on committee member recommendations.

Drew Swieczkowski said that there may be a need for additional help with the organization, a point person who can lead along with Teresa.

Teresa next shared that she's receiving interest from other entities, to include Maricopa Water District who has expressed an interest in joining WVWA. Drew asked if Liberty Utilities' membership starts now and should be invoiced, or wait until the start of the fiscal year and it was determined to invoice them later. Teresa shared that she attended an Arizona Forward subcommittee meeting and gave a presentation, at which SRP expressed an interest in joining WVWA, and possibly CAP. Drew suggested a subcommittee to research what other organizations are doing and asked for volunteers to join him. Gretchen Erwin, Eileen Dunn and Mark Holmes agreed to be on the committee which was named the Transition Implementation Committee, tasked to outline what WVWA wants to accomplish, our path forward, our objectives and how we are going to do it.

4. BOR Report

Deborah Tosline said that John Rasmussen is currently traveling. She said that comments are due this week and are needed to develop mitigation scenarios. She asked if there is a meeting scheduled, and recommended it happen soon. Once the areas of concern are identified, then we can develop mitigation scenarios. Ron Whittler shared that regarding the cone of depression, he met with Nathan Miller and revised pumping areas which will change the results. Teresa stated that Nathan will wait until all comments are in before another model run. Drew said we will wait for Nathan, maybe at the next monthly meeting or the GIS meeting to be held the first week of June sometime.

Gretchen asked if this will conclude Southwest Groundwater's work, and Deborah replied yes, we may not be able to model mitigation scenarios. Alan asked what the dates are on the grant cycle, and the response was July 2018. Lacey James asked for a timeline with the important dates, and Deborah stated there is a Plan of Study on the website for review that includes that information.

Mark asked if we have an update from Denver on the Economic Analysis, to which Deborah said that she is not sure but will check with John. Mark said that we originally planned to outsource this, but are now waiting on Reclamation for this important report that is necessary to help show the return on investment. With no ROI, there will be no future investments. Deborah said she will ask John for an update on the Economic Analysis, along with the GIS siting with mitigation scenarios.

Drew reminded everyone the model reviews should be done with a drop-dead date of Monday for comments. Nathan will prepare to fill in the technical information and discuss. Drew asked if this should be tied into a separate model comment meeting, because it is lengthy. The discussion that followed included ensuring the report reflects the assumptions so that anyone reading the document will be able to follow along with the modeling process. Gretchen said that the assumptions must be appendices to the basin study report. Deborah asked if the CAP:SAM replaced the Supply and Demand study, urging the group to go back to the Directives and Standards of the Basin Study report, noting that the basin study will have a formal BOR review process so it needs to be clear. **Teresa said she will check with Southwest Groundwater on the climate change assumptions or she will work with John.** Deborah said we need a tech memo from BOR and bullet points of the assumptions from Ken Seasholes.

Alan asked if we have an outline of the final report, and Deborah said it is in the basin study directives and standards. **Teresa will load the Directives and Standards onto the website.** Gretchen said that the scenarios are counter-intuitive; to which Doug Frost added that he needs reference points for how the assumptions are driven. Teresa said it would be a good thing to review the CAP:SAM for what we need no matter how long it takes. Deborah said that the basin study will include an executive summary which includes more details regarding the groundwater model.

5. Strategic Planning Update:

Strategic Plan Goal 1: The team for Goal 1 shared that Muriel from the City of Surprise will present the first logo design to Christine and Eileen on Monday. Lacey shared that a tag line has been created to go along with the logo, "Regional Water Solutions for the West Valley". It was suggested to remove the word regional, which was deemed redundant, making the tag line "Water Solutions for the West Valley". It has not been determined when the logo will be ready to share with the rest of the members. Lacey asked the committee for input on branding ideas and Teresa suggested waiting for the logo so it can be incorporated into presentations, letterhead, etc.

Strategic Plan Goal 2: The team for Goal 2 shared that they have completed priority 1, handing out for review and approval a copy of the Roadshow PowerPoint presentation that highlights the new water organization, along with a new fact sheet. Mark asked for comments on these materials to be sent to him.

Mark said we need a steering committee to prepare for the first board meeting, to show the board our plan for upcoming projects, policies and activities that can engage landowners, and secure grants and funding.

Strategic Plan Goal 3: The team for Goal 3 will present at the next planning committee meeting.

6. Legislative/Regulatory Update

Alan Dulaney and Eileen Dunn provided a legislative update.

7. New Business

Teresa reminded the committee that the West Valley Leader's Summit is fast approaching and asked for ideas and dynamic speaker suggestions. Mark said he will check into reserving the same venue as last year.

8. Call to the Public

None.

9. Member Updates

Members wishing to provide information to the committee did so. Lacey shared that she will be making a presentation on May 30th to Arizona realtors, and her desire to showcase WVWA during that time. She stated she may ask Teresa for information.

10. Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on June 15th, 2017 at 1:30pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.