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West Valley Water Association

WEST VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the April 20, 2017 Management Committee Meeting held at Reclamation, 6150 W Thunderbird Road, Glendale

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Doug Kupel, City of Glendale	Fred Schneider for Bill Garfield, Arizona Water Company
Vice-Chair Mike Weber, City of Peoria	Ron Whittler for Roger Klingler, City of Buckeye
Troy Day, EPCOR Water	Nick Russo for Jim Shano, City of El Mirage
Cindy Blackmore, City of Avondale	Gretchen Erwin for Javier Setovich, City of Goodyear
Cindy Campbell, City of Phoenix	
Terry Lowe, City of Surprise	

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Drew Swieczkowski, City of Glendale
Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria

OTHERS PRESENT

John Rasmussen, Reclamation
Nathan Miller, Southwest Groundwater
Steve Noel, Southwest Groundwater

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Chairman Doug Kupel.
2. Approval of Minutes
Doug asked for any comments on the meeting notes from the January 19, 2017, Management Committee meeting. Mike Weber moved that the meeting notes be approved as written, and Terry Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Reports:
BOR Report:
Doug Kupel said a request was made to move the BOR Report up in the agenda, due to time constraints for some participants. John Rasmussen shared a handout on the West Salt River Valley Basin Study Update and (partial) Task List, sharing the four key elements of the Basin Study. Following this report, Doug asked if there are people assigned to tasks, and Director Teresa Makinen noted that there are committees in place with individuals that signed up to be on each of the teams. Doug suggested creating a spreadsheet to assign people to each task, along with a column for a due date to create a sense of urgency. Drew added that the planning committee has been focused on the groundwater model, but the plan is to focus on the tasks next. The supply and demand studies are done, so we may be further along than we think and we have a good starting place.

Basin Study Update:

Nathan Miller shared a Basin Study Groundwater Flow Modeling presentation, and answered questions from the committee regarding the areas that appear to be most adversely affected in the future, as reflected by the two scenario results shared during the presentation. John said that it is important to remember the committee's desire for consistency between scenario runs and to not include mitigation strategies in the scenarios.

Planning Committee Report:

Drew Swieczkowski shared an update on the Planning Committee, saying the group is looking at the model and will finish their review within two weeks. Drew spoke about the spirit of collaboration, the desire to work with AMWUA and the East Valley to go forward and learn from each other, and he mentioned the efforts being made on the strategic plan goals would be shared later today. Christine Nunez is working on the logo graphics and there will be a meeting soon to review their progress. Drew thanked Ron Whitley for bringing to the committee's attention the idea of sending a letter of support to help save WaterSense, which was approved and sent by Teresa today. Cindy Blackmore thanked Drew for the update, adding that she was pleased to hear the efforts on collaboration, saying that some cities don't get the information they need from us.

Executive Director's Report:

Teresa shared her update, saying there were no objections made to sending the letter of support to help save WaterSense. Adding on the basin study update, Teresa reminded the group that one more required element is to include the Basin Study Advisory Group which is part of our communication plan to share our progress and seek their input. This group includes many water and non-water entities, and we could also use this opportunity to invite them to join West Valley Water Association. Now that we have modeling results, it may be a good time to engage the Advisory Group. Teresa added that a public meeting will be the final piece at the end.

Treasurer's Report:

There was no report to share, as Jake Lenderking was not in attendance today. Troy will make sure the report is sent to Teresa.

4. Resolution for Incorporation:

Cindy Blackmore moved to approve the Resolution for Incorporation of West Valley Water Association. Fred Schneider, for Bill Garfield, seconded the motion. Doug opened the floor for discussion and there was none. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of By-Laws:

Doug opened the floor for discussion regarding approval of the Bylaws for the West Valley Water Association, and it was agreed that a change will be made to Article VII, Section 1, stating Officers will hold offices for two years, in replacement of one year. Cindy Blackmore moved to approve the Bylaws with this change. Cindy Campbell seconded the motion. Doug opened the floor for discussion and Ron Whitley stated that the wording found in Article IV, Section 2A, Sustaining Members, excludes any entities from joining that are based in the Lower Hassayampa Sub-basin. It was agreed that the wording would be revised to say, Entities, trusts or individuals that have the legal authority to manage, control, or own greater than 100 acre feet of water resources, water rights, and/or infrastructure in the Phoenix Active Management Areas within Maricopa

County, Arizona, West of I17, may apply to be considered as “Sustaining Members”. Doug stated the By-Laws can be changed, once approved. Cindy Blackmore moved to approve the amended motion to approve the By-Laws with the revisions to Article VII, Section 1 and Article IV, Section 2A. Cindy Campbell seconded the motion. Doug opened the floor for discussion, and Fred Schneider stated that the attached Exhibit A in Article IV, Section 2A would need to be remade. It was agreed that the sentence that references this exhibit would be removed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Articles of Incorporation:

Doug opened the floor for discussion regarding approval of the Articles of Incorporation for West Valley Water Association. Vice Chair Mike Weber stated there are periods after Articles I, II, and III which should be removed and it was agreed to remove them. Vice Chair Mike Weber moved to approve the Articles of Incorporation with these edits. Cindy Blackmore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Authorization for Executive Director and Management Committee Officers to Effectuate Incorporation:

Doug opened the floor for discussion regarding this authorization for West Valley Water Association and there was none. Cindy Campbell moved to approve the Authorization for Executive Director and Management Committee Officers to effectuate incorporation by signing any necessary documents in due course. Nick Russo, for Jim Shano, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consideration of Liberty Utilities for Membership:

Mike Weber shared that Joel Wade asked to join the organization via email. Joel is the Director of Operations for Liberty Utilities, and would be here at this meeting but is out of town. Drew said that the Planning Committee has already approved this membership request. Mike moved to approve West Valley Water Association membership to Liberty Utilities. Gretchen Erwin, for Javier Setovich, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. BOR Report:

This report was shared earlier in the meeting.

10. Strategic Planning Updates:

Drew shared a handout, outlining the top priorities for each of the three teams. Following his update, Doug asked if the all the goals can be accomplished along with the basin study tasks. Drew said yes, it will be organized with assignments and commitments to do so. Doug suggested picking one or two goals for each team and documenting them on another spreadsheet. Cindy Blackmore thanked the planning committee for their hard work, mentioned that teams one and two have very do-able tasks, and team three seems to have a lot of items that are not very specific. Drew said that they will narrow them down and complete them in a reasonable time. Troy said that ADEQ has begun work on a new policy for potable water reuse for the State, and would offer to reach out to them so that the West Valley Water Association could be included in this work.

11. Legislative/Regulatory Update:

Alan Dulaney and Cindy Campbell shared the update.

12. New Business:
None
13. Call to the Public:
None
14. Member Updates:
Members provided updates to the group.
15. Next Meeting and Adjourn:
The next meeting is to be determined. The meeting adjourned at 2:47pm.