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West Valley Water Association

WEST VALLEY WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the August 17th, 2017 Planning Committee Meeting held at Reclamation, 6150 W. Thunderbird Road, Glendale. **Throughout this meeting summary, action items are in bold font.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Drew Swieczkowski, Glendale, Chair
Mark Holmes, Goodyear, Vice-Chair
Ron Whitler, Buckeye
Christine Nunez, Surprise

Douglas Frost, Phoenix
Lacey James, Avondale
Jamie McCullough, El Mirage
Heather Turrentine, EPCOR

INTERESTED PARTIES

Gretchen Erwin, Goodyear
Ray Diaz, Goodyear
Eileen Dunn, Surprise
John Rasmussen, Reclamation

Jay Corum, Reclamation
Chanel Fitch-Kirkpatrick, ADWR
Nathan Miller, Southwest Groundwater

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
Christine Nunez moved to approve the meeting notes from the June 16th, 2017 Planning Committee meeting, and Jamie McCullough seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Reports
Executive Director's Report: Teresa Makinen said that her items are included in some of the agenda topics so will defer her time to when they come up for discussion.
4. BOR Report
John Rasmussen said that Amanda Erath from Reclamation Policy Office will be at the October meeting to answer any questions related to the Basin Study and the deliverables.

Model / CAP:SAM Update: John said that Ken Seasholes is working to provide details of the CAP:SAM analysis in his write up. Discussions that followed included a need to re-run the model with different parameters and the committee reviewed a summary of the CAP:SAM ASR matrix provided by Nathan Miller, Southwest Groundwater. Gretchen Erwin asked if in every scenario, the volume of recharge is the maximum recharge. Nathan answered it is not the max, but all are the same in each scenario, noting that it is close to the maximum in some; so that would be a good question for Ken. Christine Nunez speculated that it may be applied going by current orders.

The committee then discussed what the summary graphics displayed, reflecting pumping, loss and replenishments. Douglas Frost mentioned that regarding the bleak scenarios, the pumping location won't matter. Drew Swieczkowski asked if there is more recharge going in as unidentified and what the red line indicates, which is probably something we need from Ken.

Teresa added that it's important we understand the results because CAP:SAM is proposed to be used for other Reclamation basin studies. Gretchen asked Nathan if the final model run has been conducted, and Nathan replied that they haven't produced it yet because there are still edits that need to be made; the time for any changes is now.

Mark Holmes asked if we know what we need to adjust in the model, and Drew replied that will rely on the information from Ken. If we aren't happy with what data went into the model, then we need to fix it so we have an accurate model. John Rasmussen asked if we have narrowed down the issue to recharge, to which Eileen responded saying that there are water volumes we need to review before we know. Mark said we need a final date for the information. Doug said that we will need to explain what the data was and why our numbers are different. Mark said we need to work through this or next month we will have the same issue and we need to move forward. Drew stated that we will more than likely need Nathan to do it, and Nathan asked if that is realistic with the Basin Study deadlines, to which John answered that it is possible to extend the deadline but we need to have some deliverables completed.

Mitigation Alternatives: John shared that the Mitigation Alternatives subcommittee meets every other Thursday for mitigation strategy planning. Recent progress includes forced ranking of pending items by low, medium and high priority. This list will help identify any upcoming challenges.

GIS Siting Analysis/Economic Analysis: No updates provided as the next step is to provide the depth to water layer, which is a result of the groundwater model.

5. West Valley Water Organization Administration

Mark Holmes shared a presentation he created on Regional Water Strategy. He stated that the presentations were created for members to take to their respective managers, councils, and boards as well as other entities such as landowners and businesses to show exactly what West Valley Water is about.

Mark also shared a fact sheet which can be used to hand out to interested folks. John asked if the committee can continue as is until the Board of Directors is seated and Mark answered yes, operating under the multi-party agreement. Teresa said that their has been interest in being involved without being a full (sustaining) member. Discussions that followed included how future membership tiers might be defined, an executive director and staffing will be expensive, and the need for future members to align with our goals and objectives. **Teresa asked Drew if we need to add this issue as an agenda item for the next management committee meeting, to which he said yes.** Teresa asked what the planning committee's recommendation would be and a verbal consensus was reached that it should be 25% of the sustaining membership fee. Chanel Fitch-Kirkpatrick asked what that fee tier included, and the answer was it includes a seat at the table during meetings to include full interactive dialogue with the committee and not just

one minute during the call for the public. **Drew urged the committee to review the presentation and fact sheet then send to Teresa with any edits or suggestions.** Christine suggested we add the website address, and Teresa recommended dropping the word “Association” for regular conversation, since we are West Valley Water. The group agreed and Chanel mentioned we may want to check with the Corporation Commission just to be safe. Ron Whitley said that he would like to add something about water into the first sentence under the West Valley Strategic Plan paragraph. Mark said that water is mentioned in the first paragraph that outlines and defines our water objective and the second paragraph shows strategy. After discussion, **Teresa will make edits to the fact sheet prior to providing to the Management Committee.**

6. Strategic Planning Update

Logo Discussion/Selection: Mark Holmes provided handouts with logos designed by Surprise and Goodyear. The committee was instructed to choose their top two favorite logos. The top two selected logos would be sent to the management committee as option A and option B for final selection. Logo #1 and #4 were the top picks, with minor revisions, which include removing association from the logo, spelling out the organization name, and changing the font style. Mark will update for the Management Committee meeting.

7. Regional Water Planning Scoping

Mark shared a presentation he created on West Valley Water’s Regional Water Planning – Scoping Effort, which he said was for the management committee. Regarding this effort, Christine asked who is funding it, and Mark replied the City of Phoenix is using it’s on-call money to move forward and thanked them for it. Marks said that a steering committee to scope what could be done as a true regional plan is being assembled to present to the new Board of Directors to keep them focused on West Valley Water’s strategic plan. Christine asked if the planning committee will get updates, to which Mark replied every step of the way. Lacey James asked if the mitigation strategy need to be done first and Mark answered that everything will be considered and far more comprehensive and detailed than just mitigation strategies. The basin study shows what needs to be done and this study will include that and more.

8. 4th Annual West Valley Leaders Water Summit

The Water Summit is scheduled for October 18th at Estrella Community College and speakers are being coordinated and an agenda developed. Mark said that invitations to speak have been made to the Governor and Mayor Stanton. The theme for the summit is “Leaderships, Partnerships and Collaboration”. The agenda so far includes an intro to West Valley Water, followed by a speech from the City of Phoenix’s Water Services Director on the history of leadership, and a discussion on direct potable re-use by Guy Carpenter. The summit will conclude with an hour and a half segment for a panel of elected officials to discuss the summit theme. A Save the Date will be sent soon.

9. Legislative/Regulatory Update

The committee discussed current issues.

10. New Business

None

11. Call to the Public

None

12. Member Updates

None

13. Next Meeting and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th, 2017.