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West Valley Water Association

WEST VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the December 17, 2018 Planning Committee Meeting held at Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 W Thunderbird Road, Glendale

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Christine Nunez, City of Surprise, Chair
Drew Swieczkowski, City of Glendale
Lacey James, City of Avondale
Robert Romo, Arizona Water Co
Rick Obenshain, EPCOR Water
Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria
Frank Milam, City of Surprise

Alex Richards, City of Phoenix
Cape Powers, City of Peoria
Esmie Avila, City of Avondale
Joanne Toms, City of Glendale
Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear
Derek Castaneda, City of El Mirage

INTERESTED PARTIES

John Rasmussen, Reclamation
Kyle Miller, ADWR
Caitlin Parker, ADWR
Ken Seasholes, CAP

Austin Carey, CAP
Scott Miller, APS
Nathan Miller, Southwest Groundwater

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am by Christine Nunez, Planning Committee Chair.
2. Approval of Minutes
Christine Nunez asked for a motion to approve the meeting notes from the November 15, 2018 Planning Committee meeting. Committee member Drew Swieczkowski moved to approve the meeting notes and Committee Member Lacey James seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Reports
Teresa Makinen provided an update on activities and noted that the major topics that need to be discussed at today's meeting are the drought messaging and the upcoming presentation to the Board for the basin study update.
4. Reclamation: Basin Study Presentation
John Rasmussen, Reclamation, stated that he will be the one presenting the Basin Study to the Board of Directors in January. The group discussed the following bullet points and how they could be presented to the Board:

Intro: An Introduction giving a brief background of the basin study including a status of the project with a table/chart and an overview of the importance of the project. Let folks know it's not perfect, but it's adequate as a planning tool.

Task 1: Supply and Demand – include a scenario table and supply table, with a focus on the deficit being groundwater. Includes that this includes recovery and effluent.

Task 2: Groundwater Model – with the model study area. Change maps for all three scenarios A, D & F will be presented as well as the drawdown maps for each scenario. Explain Tonopah mound. Show 2015 and 2060 – maybe side by side.

Explain why the study only goes until 2060. Nathan Miller will create a map of hydrographs to be presented. Show depth to water with explanation, show 2015 depth and 2060 depth to water side by side.

The team discussed several different talking points and questions that should also be used in the presentation to the Board. Regarding CAP:SAM, after going to the Board, we'll move forward with the CAP:SAM information. Then explain the next steps in the basin study process.

5. Drought Messaging:

The group discussed drought messaging and what the trigger would be to inform others, and how all the cities would react. It was recommended the West Valley needs to be unified in the trigger and that Teresa Makinen may be used as a point of contact to notify the members when a provider goes into or plans to go into drought plan, and from there can call a meeting to further discuss.

We need to treat drought as a regional issue, not a city issue. We need to all be cooperative as the West Valley and the message should be that we're all doing something.

Need to have FAQs available that everyone agrees to –

- How is the West Valley prepared for drought?
- What does a 2020 shortage mean for providers?
- There would be higher rates for all?
- There are differential impacts to each of the utilities based on their portfolio.

Summit might be a good time to review drought messaging with elected officials, maybe plan for September 2019.

Need messaging out before April 2019 – to coincide with Reclamation's 24-month study

Frank Milam recommended City of Phoenix present their roll out at the next Planning Committee and Board meetings and all agreed that would be good information.

Next Steps

The team discussed how to move forward and it was decided it may be best to let the Board determine the next steps. The Planning Committee could provide a menu of options to choose from (e.g., between tier 1 and 2, this happens, etc.) and see if this is something the Board wants to pursue.

6. Other Association Updates
Committee member Drew Swieczkowski provided an updated on AMWUA.
7. Legislative/Regulatory Update
Committee member Alan Dulaney provided an update.
8. New Business
Avondale will be meeting with legislators for their district. They will be putting together packets with information and putting themselves as the point of contact for the legislators.
9. Call to the Public
None
10. Member Updates – Cascading Messages
Members provided updates from their organizations.
11. Next Meeting and Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 1:30 pm.