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West Valley Water Association

WEST VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the March 21, 2019 Planning Committee Meeting held at Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 W Thunderbird Road, Glendale

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Whittler, City of Buckeye

Drew Swieczkowski, City of Glendale

Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear

Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria

Frank Milam, City of Phoenix

Alex Richards, City of Phoenix

Mario Calles, Arizona Water Co

INTERESTED PARTIES

John Rasmussen, Reclamation

Austin Carey, CAP

Scott Miller, APS

Stuart Peckham, SRP

James Stephens, ProPumps

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by Ron Whittler, Planning Committee Vice Chair.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ron Whittler asked for a motion to approve the meeting notes from the January 10, 2019 Planning Committee meeting. Committee Member Alex Richards moved to approve the meeting notes and Committee Member Drew Swieczkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports

Teresa Makinen announced that the organization has finally achieved non-profit status from the IRS. Teresa informed the committee that there are now several things that need to be done to get the organization set up and running. Teresa also mentioned that the next Planning Committee meeting falls on the AZ Water meeting day so the committee will need to change the date of the next meeting.

4. Reclamation Basin Update:

John Rasmussen informed the committee that DWR has asked to use the ground water model. Discussion arose regarding the ground water model and if it is ready to be shared with other organizations, John reported that Nathan Miller can have the final report on the ground water model ready by April 15th. More discussion ensued over sharing the ground water model and what stipulation there should be when sharing the model. Eventually Ron Whittler asked for a motion to approve sharing the ground water model with DWR. Committee member Alex Richards moved to approve, and Gretchen Erwin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Teresa Makinen will send out an email to the committee informing all members that this was agreed on and passed by vote by all members who were present.

5. WVWA Organization Administration

Teresa Makinen noted that now that the organization has achieved non-profit status, the logistics of a checking account and sending out invoices needs to be coordinated. Drew Swieczkowski asked if there was a “to do” list of sorts that could be referred to on what needs to be completed and decided on by the committee now that non-profit status has been achieved. Discussion arose regarding the necessity of electing a Treasurer to oversee all of the financial responsibilities of the committee.

Questions regarding what the committee will continue to work on once the basin study is completed were discussed. The team agreed that it would still be a good idea to meet on a regular basis to discuss and keep up with water issues but that they should also be brainstorming new projects and ideas that the committee could work on in the future. The committee decided to vote on new or existing ideas of future projects over the next several meetings.

6. Other Association Updates

Committee member Drew Swieczkowski informed the committee that even though AMWUA will not be in Tier 1, AMWUA will be meeting on March 27 from 9:00-10:30am to discuss messaging and will be getting messaging out in April. Drew stated that he felt that it would be wise for the committee to do so as well and informed the committee that all are invited to attend AMWUA’s meeting.

7. Legislative/Regulatory Update

The committee discussed legislative issues.

8. New Business

None

9. Call to the Public

James Stephens, drill rig owner, was present at this meeting and introduced himself.

10. Member Updates – Cascading Messages

City of Surprise is getting re-designated. The committee asked Teresa to put re-designation on the agenda.

11. Next Meeting and Adjourn

Teresa Makinen reminded the committee that the date of the next meeting needed to be moved to not conflict with AZ Water’s meeting. The committee determined that the next meeting will be rescheduled from April 18 to Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 1:00 pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54pm. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month unless otherwise noted.