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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the December 11, 2014 Planning Committee Meeting held at Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 W Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85306. **Throughout this meeting summary, action items are in bold font.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria  
Mark Holmes, City of Goodyear  
Megan Sheldon, City of Glendale  
Christine Nunez, City of Surprise  
Miranda Bruner, Global Water  
Jamie McCullough, City of El Mirage

Mark Berrelez, City of Tolleson  
Gerard Silvani, City of Phoenix  
Ron Whittler, City of Buckeye  
Frank Milam, City of Avondale

OTHERS PRESENT

Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear  
Angela Lucci, City of Surprise  
Mitch Haws, Reclamation

Stewart Peckham, SRP  
Robin Stinnett, SRP

1. Call to Order  
Mark Holmes, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes  
Mark Holmes asked the members to review the meeting notes and asked for a motion. Alan Dulaney moved to approve the meeting notes and minutes from the November 13, 2014 meeting. Frank Milam seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports

Executive Director's Report

Teresa Makinen gave a quick tour of the revised [www.WESTCAPS.org](http://www.WESTCAPS.org) website. Alan Dulaney suggested a landscape picture, possibly the White Tanks Mountains, and said he will work on finding an appropriate picture. Teresa pointed out that, as a group, WESTCAPS is still working towards getting their hands around the Basin Study, and having everything prepared for January.

Treasurer's Report

Jake Lenderking was absent and Mark Holmes stated that we'll work on sending out a Treasurer's Report.

4. BOR Report

Mitch Haws said that the office in Yuma has acquired the procurement package for the modeling effort. He added that there was a meeting with Subrhendu, in which it was suggested that WESTCAPS develop three climate change scenarios (wet, dry, warm, cold etc.), which will be applied to the basin study. Christine Nunez said we may want to add the factor of population growth. Gerard Silvani asked if the scenarios were meant to model changes in recharge/water, and Mitch said that would be included. Mark Holmes added that surface water is the one in which we are most concerned.

Mitch said in the meeting with Subrhendu, there were proposed timelines developed, but determined that the timeline should not extend past 2099.

Mitch also said that we really don't currently have any supply and demand activities near completion. Christine Nunez said that they looked at a couple of things but haven't reached any conclusions. She asked if they should get information from the partners or MAG Records. Alan Dulaney added that he had done more of an informal demand concept. He said they were looking more at historical demand, and projecting what it would be in 5-10 years, but even getting down to 10 years would be challenging. He added that, what everyone has in common are the DWR Reports. When it comes to future projections, when it goes as far as 10-15 years in the future you can see a wide variability, it is definitely safer to stick with just five years into the future.

Mark Holmes said that he chose to use an aggregated GPCD method, but making assumptions when it comes to future events is unavoidable. We just need to look at the population we currently serve and divide it by the overall demand. We need to use the same method in getting the average future demand. The more complex we make this, the harder it will be to defend. Although population growth patterns would be measured differently.

Christine Nunez reminded the committee that city population and customer population are two different things. Jamie McCullough believes that what is done for ADWR is the most realistic representation of population. Frank Milam asked if we were taking more of a regional approach or going with the city by city basis, Christine assured him that it would be more of a regional approach. Mark said that a core goal for this Basin Study is to make this as simple as possible, through using MAGs population numbers.

Teresa thought that it would be interesting if cities could do their own projections. Perhaps we should all bring our own spreadsheets and compare data. Originally modeling would have lead the effort, but since procurement is lagging, we should push supply and demand forward.

Mark said that the importance of this is for it to show supplies we have, and supplies we will need in the future. If we do not work together, we will have a side of winners and a side of losers. A lot of us have never put a value on the actual parts of the operation. The long range economic value of this is in the billions. The model will answer a lot of questions, like decreased recharge, increased aggregate, how much water we would need to not propose pumping groundwater, what water supplies we would need etc.

5. Strategic Plan Update

Organizational Structure

Angela Lucci said that the organizational team met and put together an agreed-upon executive summary. They recommended that we move forward with a non-profit status, and the advantages of being a 501-c4. The only thing we haven't done is come up with the start-up and ongoing cost, although they do feel that the Management Committee should provide some direction as to where we want to go.

Teresa asked if we needed to include something regarding the membership. Should we set standards for the membership or will they stay the same? Teresa said that she just wants to make sure that we are all on the same page when it comes to membership, it is best that we have the discussion here and work through the issues. Mark Holmes said that WESTCAPS had a goal to have members know what our goals are, and we wanted an all inclusive organization. Teresa added, the value of these meetings is to communicate and work together, a lot can be learned right here. Christine asked Teresa if she could send an email regarding the structure to the planning committee.

Teresa asked if it is even possible to get water forecasting information from the private water providers because in an earlier WESTCAPS meeting, it seemed like that might not be possible. Miranda Bruner assured her that those were public record. Mark added that the law was made to prevent FOIA and for homeland security, we need to work together.

Regarding the organizational structure discussion, Mark Holmes offered to have an attorney attend to discuss or respond to any questions from the Management Committee. Miranda Bruner thought that an information session with them to share might be a good idea.

6. Legislative Regulatory Update

Frank said that they generate an annual report to show the Management Committee what was accomplished in the year of 2014. The idea is that we get this done by each group, and to basically summarize the progress that was made in our organizational structure. Megan Sheldon brought up a good point in saying that we should also add what we would be looking to accomplish in the year of 2015. We should be able to get this to the Management Committee by January. Angela Lucci added that she has quarterly reports that her group did, and Frank suggested we submit this to the Management Committee as a draft.

Frank also stated that Megan further developed some logo concepts and was asking for input. Alan Dulaney provided a legislative update.

7. New Business

Teresa said that based on today's discussions, it's probably time that the Management Committee and Planning Committee should meet to discuss what we've accomplished and where we're headed.

8. Call to the Public

None.

9. Member Updates

Attendees provided updates from their respective organizations.

10. Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next planning committee meeting will be held at **the Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, on January 6, at 1:30 pm**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.