



WEST VALLEY CAP SUBCONTRACTORS
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the January 12, 2017 Planning Committee Meeting held at Oasis Water Campus, Glendale. **Throughout this meeting summary, action items are in bold font.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Drew Swieczkowski, City of Glendale
Jake Lenderking, EPCOR
Ron Whitley, City of Buckeye
Robert Romo, Arizona Water Company
Mark Holmes, City of Goodyear

Jamie McCullough, City of El Mirage
Christine Nunez, City of Surprise
Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria
Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear

OTHERS PRESENT

John Rasmussen, Reclamation
Ken Seasholes, CAP
Angie Lohse, CAP

Don Breeding, MCFCD
Kaylee Colter, FCDMC
Stuart Peckham, SRP

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:36pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ron Whitley moved to approve the meeting notes from the November 15, 2016 Planning Committee meeting, and Christine Nunez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports

Executive Director's Report

Teresa Makinen said that there are team meetings happening for the Strategic Planning Goals and that she heard from Lacey James who requested information on the logo cost estimates and presentation to the management committee. Teresa said there would be team updates shared later today in this meeting.

Next, Teresa shared that she had received, and forwarded to Gust Rosenfeld, the rest of the needed documents from the legal representatives. Gust Rosenfeld is working to schedule a meeting with the legal representatives to review the by-law information. The next step will be to have the Management Committee review the by-laws. Mark Holmes asked for the ability to review the documents once again so to be able to emphasize the points where the members may need flexibility so **Teresa will send them out once again.** Teresa noted that there is a Management Committee meeting next week and **agenda items for the management committee meeting would include the proposed name change, the new logo, a budget update, and the strategic plan update.**

Treasurer's Report

Jake Lenderking shared the treasurer's report, noting the account balance is \$32,356. All members have paid their dues with the exception of one.

4. BOR Report

John Rasmussen provided the Basin Study Update, saying that Nathan Miller received the climate change information last month and things look good. It is expected that the evaporation transpiration numbers and other results will be ready by the end of next week.

Other updates from Nathan include that he is finalizing the ground water model documents. There is a Modeling Committee meeting scheduled for January 30th from 1 to 3pm. The contract for the modeling consultants was up in December and there was a no cost extension for 6 more months which should work out and be done in a couple of months. Nathan received the CAP:SAM model and has what he needs from that information. Regarding effluent use data, all members have provided their information except for Avondale, EPCOR, Peoria and Tolleson. If that data is not received, they will go with the assumption of the rate of 40% recharged. Nathan is available to present the modeling results at the February 9th Planning Committee meeting.

Drew asked what the overall schedule looks like and John will provide an updated schedule. **John said we need to schedule a workshop this summer with defined goals and objectives to develop alternatives.** But if all members continue to participate, we will be on time for the July 21st, 2018 report being complete. John will put together a critical path schedule.

Regarding the Recharge Analysis, Jay Corum is currently going over Adam's information and **John suggested he bring Jay to the Planning Committee meetings to answer any questions.** Regarding the Economic Analysis, John stated that Steve Piper, with Reclamation, covers what we are after in his scope of work and we should get him the population projections. Mark reminded all that we must encourage our management to invest in our projects, and doesn't want the economic analysis to take too long. Teresa asked if he can show his process, step by step, so we can be prepared to help him with information. John replied that he will check into it.

Teresa asked if we are waiting on the model to do the supply and demand study to which John answered yes. Teresa asked if these reports would be a separate delivery and John replied no, we will submit one document at the end, just documenting everything as we go. Jake asked if we are going outside for the supply and demand work, and John answered no, we just need to plug it in with each city's data input. Mark suggested that we assign responsibilities for who does what on the report, and that there is a lot of writing - a lot of work. Mark asked if this is Title 16 and John replied that Amanda Erath has given guidance on documenting the four major components on the basin study. There will be financial opportunities after the basin study, and we may find new data where we can use the model more. We need to check the boxes with the policy office, but also need to make it useful for the partners. John suggested that the main schedule review be placed as an agenda item on the February 9th meeting.

Next, Ken Seasholes presented information on the CAP:SAM results, saying that the refined model can evaluate scenarios and make changes. Discussions during the presentation included GPHUD studies, explaining that the natural rate of change assumes that you haven't changed your landscape, but climate changes the way water usage is affected by it; for example, an extended growing season. Jake asked if the comments that EPCOR supplied were incorporated and Ken said yes, he believes so. Ken said that outputs and inputs will help refine the assumptions. Changes look subtle but all data is impacted on ground water pumping. Ken was asked to send in-kind hours to Teresa for cost share information. The WESTCAPS model runs all water supplier's data with the exception of Buckeye. It doesn't assume new leases or shared agreements or significant re-use of effluent water. John asked that all look at the information and do it within one week for Nathan to keep moving.

5. Strategic Planning Update

Team 2 is going to meet soon, and Mark will be able to share the update with the Management Committee. Team 1 already provided their update. Team 3 will iron out their responsibilities and priorities, and then ask for feedback on their goals from the Management Committee.

Regarding the idea to have a WESTCAPS Water Conservation Committee, Teresa shared that she has received 9 responses back from the survey she sent out. The results were that 7 responses said yes to the idea, and 2 said no, with 8 volunteering to be on the committee. **It was discussed to meet once, strategize and then send to the Management Committee for feedback.** Teresa said WESTCAPS can do outreach, education and publications, but there are other organizations that already conduct these activities. Mark said that is part of our strategic plan, figuring out how we can have one voice.

6. Legislative/Regulatory Update

Alan Dulaney and Drew shared updates.

7. New Business

Drew suggested that WESTCAPS meet with AMWUA to collaborate regarding future shortages. He feels we want to discuss commonalities and how we can help each other out, and be stronger, and work together when things get tough. Drew feels it would be good to develop a plan to start thinking globally. Mark shared that it would be a good idea to include state-wide organizations.

Ken shared that there is a study grant in Eastern Arizona that has the exact same scope being used by Reclamation that is leveraging our work. It is contracted with the University of Arizona to study groundwater flow and the Santa Cruz River. Ken feels it may be worthwhile to work with them. Pinal County was not selected for a grant, but feels we are inching our way accidentally to a regional plan to bring it together.

Christine Nunez shared that the Governor's office shared information on how tribes look at water versus how cities look at it and we should include ADWR, initiating conversations to share information. Christine said there is good information from the water resources development council. Drew said that our message should be positive during times of shortages. Teresa said that we should bring the Basin Stakeholder

Advisory Group back together to look at the modeling results once those are complete. Mark said we should bring organizations together, including invites to the Governor and different committees.

8. Call to the Public
None

9. Member Updates
Members wishing to provide information to the committee did so.

10. Next Meeting and Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 pm. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on February 9th, 2017.