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West Valley Water Association

WEST VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the March 15, 2018 Planning Committee Meeting held at Reclamation, 6150 W. Thunderbird Road, Glendale.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Christine Nunez, City of Surprise, Vice-Chair	Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear
Robert Romo, Arizona Water Company	Alex Richards, City of Phoenix
Lacey James, City of Avondale	Joel Wade, Liberty Utilities
Ron Whittler, City of Buckeye	Drew Swieczkowski, City of Glendale
Jamie McCullough, City of El Mirage	Frank Milam, City of Phoenix

INTERESTED PARTIES

John Rasmussen, Reclamation  
Jay Corum, Reclamation  
Heide Kocsis, ADWR  
Stuart Peckham, SRP

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Frank Milam moved to approve the meeting notes from the February 15, 2018 Planning Committee meeting, and Gretchen Erwin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports

Executive Director's Report: Teresa Makinen informed the group that Mark Holmes will be stepping back from his West Valley Water Association engagement to be able to complete the major tasks needed as he prepares to retire in August of this year. So, we have on the agenda today the election of officers. In addition, Jake Lenderking recently left EPCOR and has accepted a position with Global Water so will also be leaving WVWA as a representative of EPCOR.

Teresa went on to state that the 1024, request for exemption for the IRS, recently was updated so we need to take a look at that again. She sent it out to the group and will discuss with Gust & Rosenfeld how the \$600 submittal fee can be provided since WVWA doesn't currently have a checking account.

4. Reclamation

John Rasmussen provided an update on the basin study status. Regarding the groundwater modeling, that effort is currently with the CAP:SAM results and scenarios to be conducted by Nathan Miller based on the CAP:SAM results.

Regarding the Climate Change Analysis, John provided a technical report from the Technical Service Center for the members to review and provide comments, if needed.

Regarding the CAP:SAM status, John stated that we're setting up a meeting with Ken Seasholes at CAGR to go over the assumptions and questions, and maybe take notes while we're all together and decide on an approach. A primary concern seemed to be that CAP:SAM is not looking at effluent as much as we need to, in that it's not increasing with growth and just "sitting there". So, what do we do with it? And regarding groundwater pumping, it's taking place in existing locations, but what about other (new) locations? Also, the seniority of SRP needs to be categorized, it currently all appears to be equal. Teresa Makinen will set up a meeting with Ken Seasholes for the group to discuss.

Regarding the GIS Analysis, Gretchen asked to take out the Buckeye waterlogged area and to integrate the groundwater modeling. Joel Wade, with Liberty Utilities, stated they have groundwater information and also recharge facilities, and can provide that information.

The group discussed that additional layers for the GIS analysis may include future pumping sites from the groundwater model, and future "already planned/permitted" sites. Jay Corum asked that the group make any comments and he'll send out another version, and from there, determine if we need a meeting. Nathan Miller will send the water levels to Jay. Also it would be nice to include the plants for each of the providers, where those are located.

John also stated that the extension request has been submitted and is pending.

5. Protocols for Use of Official Logo & Name

Teresa Makinen stated that since we last met there was a request by an organization to use the official WVWA logo and name, which drew some discussion as to how that is approved and for what purposes. Teresa stated that she drafted a WVWA Policy for USE of the Official Name and Logo and asked the group to review and discuss. After some discussion, the Planning Committee asked to add several organizations to the Organizations WVWA Supports section, which will be done.

Drew Swieczkowski moved to recommend approval of the policy and move to the Board of Directors for consideration, and Lacey James seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Election of Officers

Teresa Makinen stated that, with Mark Holmes leaving his position as Chairman of the Planning Committee, the Planning Committee needs to move Christine Nunez, as Vice-Chair to Chairman position, as was decided at the last Planning Committee meeting for the natural succession of leadership. Drew Swieczkowski moved that Christine Nunez be moved to the position of Chairman, and Frank Milam seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Teresa stated that we now need to elect a Vice-Chair for the Planning Committee. As there were several representative absent, and a couple that wanted to look into their schedule, the Planning Committee decided to table the election of the Vice-Chairman until the next Planning Committee meeting.

7. Strategic Plan Preparation

Teresa stated that we're preparing for the Strategic Planning Session which is scheduled for April 24, and is a 3-4 hour session with lunch provided. She said that she'd be sending something out asking the members for their top three priorities to prepare for that discussion.

8. Legislative/Regulatory Update

None

9. New Business

Groundwater Management Act Sunset: It was discussed that, with the sunset of the Groundwater Management Act, the group should discuss the next steps. Do we create something ourselves for water in the West Valley or how do we prepare for the next phase of discussions? The Director was asked to place this item on the Planning Committee's next agenda.

Recovery Planning Advisory Group (RPAG): It was discussed that several people have been asked to serve on the RPAG; however, there is no representation from the West Valley. Could we check with our Board of Directors to see if we should ask to be considered in that group and, if so, who would like to take on that role.

10. Call to the Public

None

11. Member Updates

Members provided any updates from their organizations. Two of note that were brought up were the City of Surprise' interest in purchasing Circle City Water, which will go to the voters in May; and also the ACC taking over water for Johnson Utilities.

12. Next Meeting and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 19, 2018 at 1:30 pm.