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WEST VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Summary of the June 12, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting held at City of Glendale Oasis Water Campus, Glendale

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mike Weber, Peoria, President
Cindy Blackmore, Avondale, Vice President
Terry Lowe, Surprise
Mark Seamans, Buckeye

Nick Russo, El Mirage
Javier Setovich, Goodyear
Fred Schneider, Arizona Water Company
Drew Swieczkowski (Doug Kupel), Glendale

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria

OTHERS PRESENT

John Rasmussen, Reclamation
Stuart Peckham, Salt River Project

1. Call to Order
The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm
2. Approval of Minutes
Director Nick Russo moved to approve the meeting notes from the March 22, 2018 Board of Directors meeting, and Director Terry Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Reports
Planning Committee Report
Ron Whitler, Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, provided an update on Planning Committee activities. He noted they're reviewing the Director's contract and may need to increase the cost, so it may come up as a future agenda item.

There was also discussion at the Planning Committee related to legal and finances for WVWA and if there is a need for a Treasurer. Teresa will provide additional information on that.

Regarding legislative activities and WVWA's involvement, Director Cynthia Campbell will bring back items as part of the legislative agenda prep for 2019 and we can decide how/if West Valley Water might want to get involved.

Drew Swieczkowski then provided an update from AMWUA saying that they are discussing regional shortages and how we handle those shortages.

Executive Director's Report

Teresa stated the non-profit status is moving forward and the Gust & Rosenfeld has requested a power of attorney to be able to speak to the IRS on our behalf, should that be necessary.

She stated that there are some concerns that we're not currently set up for the administration of the organization yet and there are questions that need to be addressed; how we send bills, how funds are received, where the checking account needs to be and that stems the need for a mail box or postal address so be able to receive mail. She noted that she and Christine Nunez, Planning Committee Chair, had looked into it further and the current Multi-Party Agreement (MPA) doesn't expire for another two years and it may be beneficial to have that time to be able to get things set up. She stated that, if EPCOR is willing to do that, it would certainly make things easier for the organization and the members. Director Troy Day, EPCOR, stated that EPCOR would be find continue to be the fiscal agent awhile longer until things are set up for WVWA to be able to do that.

Teresa informed the members that EPCOR should be sending out invoices soon for the new fiscal year dues.

Treasurer's Report

John at EPCOR sent information to Christine as an update. Alan Dulaney then provided information to the group regarding his research on the cost for an accountant for the organization, indicating it may be \$750-\$1,200 per year for all the filings.

4. BOR Report

John Rasmussen stated that the time extension until 2020 for the basin study was approved as well as the request for additional funds of \$106,000. The question was asked if anything needs to be voted on; however, Teresa indicated that the Board had already considered the matter when they voted and approved giving Reclamation the authority to request the time extension and additional funds request, so it shouldn't be necessary.

John then reviewed the basin study components and the status of each, and noted that the current goal is for the groundwater model to be completed by the July Planning Committee meeting.

5. Strategic Planning Follow-up

Teresa stated that at the strategic planning meeting, the West Valley Water mission was revised and it's necessary for the Board to ratify the approval of the mission so that it's authorized as our mission. Director Troy Day moved to approve the new Mission statement and Director Mark Seamans seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Teresa then noted that at the strategic planning meeting, it was decided that it would be helpful to have topics/speakers for future Board meetings, but they did not have to be external and could even be internal staff. Teresa asked if there were any topics that were higher priority than others so Teresa could seek out speakers. Director Day stated that information on the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP+) would be helpful. Committee

member Swieczkowski, sitting in for Director Doug Kupel, stated that there is a drought compliance spreadsheet for drought contingency plans the agencies have in place that AMWUA has put together and Drew will ask if he can share that information, and then add our (West Valley Water) cities to it.

6. Other Association Updates

Teresa stated that at the strategic planning meeting, it was noted that we may want to keep up to date on what other associations are doing, so are there any directors that may want to present information at WVWA from their other organizations? The directors decided there are no standing associations they need to keep updated on, other than WUAA and Director Troy Day will update as needed and will do the same for updates on RPAG.

7. New Business

It was brought up that on June 20 a legislative meeting with Representative Gail Griffin and Senator Rusty Bowers will be held in Buckeye and it would be good to have strong showing from the West Valley. There was some discussion on what our joint messaging should be, and it should include that we have common positions to issues and state those positions, needs, must haves.

It was thought we may want to invite Representative Griffin or Senator Bowers to attend one of our meetings to listen.

8. Call to the Public

None

9. Member Update

President Mike Weber announced he has accepted a position as Water Resource Director for City of Buckeye and starts on June 25, his last day with Peoria will be Jun 13. He asked if he can retain his position as President of WVWA, representing Buckeye. Teresa stated that the by-laws don't speak to this instance; however, the position he was voted for was a personal vote not a vote for the City he's representing. After some discussion amongst the members, they unanimously decided it would be fine for Mike to retain the Presidency.

Director Troy Day stated that the White Tank Expansion is scheduled to be complete January 2019 and they are almost done with the Greenfield Plant at the 303. In addition, he noted that Jake Lenderking is leaving EPCOR and they hired Doug Dunham will be the new water resource manager.

Director Terry Lowe stated that in Surprise, there are ten other water providers, so the City had to ask the voters for approval to acquire one of those (Circle City), so it will be going to a vote.

10. Next Meeting and Adjourn:

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2018 at 2:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm