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WLMAC MEETING NOTES OF JANUARY 17, 2013

Present: Charles Olmstead, Paul Malchodi, Barry Rosen, Selectman John Sonner.

Note Taker(s): Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Barry Rosen

Called To Order: The chairperson called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 8:15 PM ET. Mr. Rosen announced that Ms. Eckhardt would not be attending the meeting due to illness but will join the meeting by speakerphone for a brief time to discuss the date/time of the next WLMAC meeting.

New Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** On a motion made by Mr. Malchodi and seconded by Mr. Olmstead, the minutes of January 8, 2013 were approved by a unanimous vote.
2. **Summary of January 14 AWD Board Meeting:** by Mr. Malchodi
 - 2.1. The Board of Water Commissioners approved the request by the WLMAC to allow remote participation at WLMAC meetings.
 - 2.2. The Board of Water Commissioners will set aside time at their next scheduled meeting (January 28, 2013 beginning at 7:30 PM) for the WLMAC to present their comments on the draft 2013 LRP.
3. **Next WLMAC Meeting:** Ms. Eckhardt joined this discussion remotely by speakerphone since the committee was considering adding a third meeting this month at a different time.
 - 3.1. Mr. Malchodi suggested that the WLMAC would require another meeting to prepare our comments for the 1/28 Board of Water Commissioners meeting. He would like the WLMAC to consider beginning this additional meeting at either 7:00 PM or 8:00 PM depending upon the schedules of the other WLMAC members that can attend.
 - 3.2. While no vote was taken, the membership was surveyed to determine whether each member could attend a meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 and if an adjusted starting time of 7:00 PM would be possible. Each member indicated that they could attend and therefore we will meet on Tuesday beginning at 7:00 PM at the AWD HQ.
 - 3.3. Ms. Eckhardt exited the meeting at the conclusion of this discussion.

Old Business:

4. Continued Discussion of the Draft 2013 LRP: The committee members took turns providing their overview comments on the LRP. Due to the limited time that the membership has had to read an electronic copy that was created by Mr. Malchodi, most had not completed reading the entire document. It was noted that section 10 had still not been distributed. Mr. Malchodi emailed the section 10 PDF file to each member during the course of the meeting. Some of the general comments that were made:
 - 4.1. Mr. Malchodi: This LRP was better than the last one. It did not do a good job of discussing the economics. E.g. The expense of operating the new plants has significant expense associated with placing operators in them. This needs to be considered when discussing possible solutions. In fact, he didn't observe any staffing discussions within the LRP at all. Where's the discussion of the next set of problems that will be faced by the AWD? The specificity of budget items was dropped.
 - 4.2. Mr. Olmstead: Too much seemed to be going along with the status quo. He did not see any strategic alternatives discussed.
 - 4.3. Mr. Rosen: He agreed that this LRP was better than the 2009 one which he read. However, he did not feel that it was that much closer to the mark which he feels should have been a great deal more strategic than operational focus. The Board is supposed to deal with the AWD's strategy for the most part. Operations should, with the Board's approvals, create and implement the tactics to carry those out. He felt that there were a number of errors in the draft which probably have been caught by the staff. In general, the LRP seemed too cursory and was primarily tactical. He felt that the "flavor" of the draft was more of a roadmap for further studies and work. Mr. Rosen wonders if this was the right type of organization to perform the study for a water district that has a number of complex issues before it which will require substantial analysis and discussion.
 - 4.4. Mr. Malchodi stated that Section 2 seemed to be confusing. He particularly mentioned the discussion of the wells where the depth of the water could not be determined when reading the description of each of the wells.
5. Discussion To Be Continued: The WLMAC members are to complete their reading of the draft LRP and send their comments to the distribution list prior to the meeting, if possible. Comments at the next meeting will resume at Section 5.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Olmstead which was seconded by Mr. Malchodi, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting on January 17, 2013 at 10:00 PM ET.