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WLMAC MEETING NOTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2012

Present: Greta Eckhardt, John Cipar, Chuck Olmstead & Barry Rosen.

Note Taker(s): Barry Rosen

Chairperson: Barry Rosen

Called To Order: The chairperson called the meeting to order on December 11, 2012 at 8:15 PM.

New Business:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- 1.1. On a motion by Mr. Olmstead which was seconded by Mr. Cipar, the minutes of October 10, 2012 were accepted by a unanimous vote.
- 1.2. On a motion by Mr. Rosen which was seconded by Ms. Eckhardt, the minutes of November 13, 2012 were accepted by a unanimous vote.

2. Next Scheduled Meeting:

- 2.1. The committee confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the WLMAC would be on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 8:00 PM EST at the AWD HQ.
- 2.2. Mr. Cipar informed the committee that it would be likely that he would be out of town at that time and would not be able to attend the meeting. He asked if it would be possible for him to call-in and listen to the meeting particularly if we were discussing the AWD 2013 draft LRP. *[Ed. Note: It may be possible for Mr. Cipar to listen and participate in the discussion but it is not clear whether he may participate in any voting that takes place. Mr. Rosen will ask legal counsel about participation.]*

3. Previous LRP (Master Plan) Discussion: Mr. Malchodi scanned and printed the 2009 LRP that was performed by Stantec. The copies were distributed to the WLMAC.

- 3.1. The members reviewed the previous LRP as a base prior to receiving a copy of the draft LRP which is now being prepared by Wright-Pierce Engineering.
- 3.2. There was substantial discussion about how the committee might judge the work-in-progress being prepared so that it could provide feedback to the Board of Water Commissioners
- 3.3. Some thoughts raised by various committee members:
 - 3.3.1. Mr. Cipar believes that the WLMAC can add value by examining some of the issues that are raised in the LRP and questioning if they are significant issues that the AWD must face in the future. Does the LRP propose solutions to the issues and problems that it raises? E.g. Does the LRP raise and examine the issue of a drought occurring and propose a solution to the AWD?

- 3.3.2. Mr. Rosen felt that the 2009 LRP did not raise a number of major issues that faced the AWD. In fact, many issues that existed then still face the District now. He felt that a number of the issues that were mentioned in the report did not propose actionable solutions to them.
- 3.3.3. Mr. Rosen noted that the LRP did provide some good descriptive information about the AWD but that information was not utilized to describe how the District might need to make changes to that infrastructure.
- 3.3.4. Mr. Olmstead raised the question about whether the new LRP would consider current water supply alternatives particularly in light of the rapidly increasing cost to produce the product. He felt that alternatives should at least be listed if not examined in detail and should include things like partnerships with other towns and even a reexamination of the MWRA. He pointed-out that even though the closest MWRA access point was in Bedford, it could be possible that other towns, even Concord, might consider obtaining some of their water supply from the MWRA. This could make a substantial difference in the infrastructure cost of connecting.
- 3.3.5. Mr. Cipar and Mr. Rosen stated that at the last AWD meeting, there was an expressed concern that sufficient water resources existed to supply the existing rate payers while continuing to connect many new water takers to the District. This issue had been listed as one the AWD would need to address over two years ago in the WLMAC's report to the Board of Water Commissioners.
- 3.3.6. Mr. Cipar told the members that we need to ask whether the draft LRP addresses any of the issues identified in the WLMAC's report looking forward.
- 3.3.7. Mr. Rosen and Mr. Cipar ask if the new LRP addresses any of the issues/problems raised in the 2009 LRP. Does it propose solutions to those problems?
- 3.3.8. Ms. Eckhardt wants to ask if the new plan addresses any of the emerging issues that the AWD now faces or will need to face in the future like impurities such as endocrine disrupters or pharmaceuticals in the water supply as potential future problems.

Old Business:

4. WLMAC Mission:

- 4.1. As a number of the committee were present at the second Board of Water Commissioners meeting where the WLMAC mission was discussed, there was very limited discussion of our next task.
- 4.2. It was agreed by the Board and the WLMAC that our next job will be to review the draft LRP provided by Wright-Pierce. The WLMAC will then provide its feedback to the Board.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Mr. Olmstead and seconded by Mr. Cipar, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting on December 1, 2012 at 9:40 PM EST.