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RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES#522
Friday, August 17, 2012
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

RI Department of Administration
One Capital Hill, Providence RI
Conference Room C, 2nd Floor

Members Present

Thomas Boving
Kevin Flynn
Russ Chateaufneuf*
Pamela Marchand – Chair
Harold Ward
Susan Licardi
Michael Fine (later represented by Clay Commons)
Michael DeFrancesco

Members Absent

Jon Schock
Bill Parsons/Mike Walker
William Stamp, III
Jesse Rodrigues

Guests

Henry Meyer, Kingston Water District
Tim Theis, Pare Corporation
Robert Murray, Greenville Water District
Dave Powers, Greenville Water District
Sheila McGauvran, City of Woonsocket
Eugenia Marks, Audubon Society of RI
Nancy Hess, Statewide Planning Program

WRB Staff Present

Kenneth J. Burke, P.E., General Manager
Romeo Mendes, P.E., Supervising Engineer

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

Chairperson Marchand called the meeting to order at approximately 9:07 AM. There was no quorum present.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes

WRB Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2012 were presented. Corrected to account for Chair and Vice-Chair. *No action taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #3: Chair Report

Discussion regarding combining Technical Committee and the Legislation & Policy Committee into one Joint Committee. *No action taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #4: General Manager's Report

Ken Burke reported progress with Water Availability coordination. H. Ward referenced that Water Availability “stakeholder” meetings were actually a “workgroup” between the WRB and RIDEM agencies. *No action taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #5 A – Drought Steering Committee (DCS)

WRB staff gave brief update and concluded that conditions are normal to above normal. *No vote taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #5 B: Technical Committee

Discussion regarding Greenville EA review. RIDEM will submit suggestions to WRB staff. *No action taken.*

Discussion regarding Portsmouth emergency interconnection reimbursement request. WRB staff process administratively. *No action taken.*

Discussion regarding Greenville/Smithfield Final Interconnection. *No action taken.*

Discussion regarding BCWA/East Providence Emergency Interconnection request. Ken Burke confirmed that this action will enable the WRB, BCWA, and East Providence to estimate probable construction costs for the Pawtucket pipeline project, which would replace the current Shad pipeline and Warren Treatment Facility projects. *No action taken.*

Discussion regarding status of Demand Management Strategy and Annual Reporting of Water Suppliers. Four water suppliers have not submitted any material, and have not offered insight as to when they will submit this information. Staff will issue Notice of Violation letters to East Providence, Johnston, United Water, and Warwick water suppliers consistent with the Water Use and Efficiency Act rules. *No action taken.*

Discussion regarding WSSMP reviews. WRB staff will revise comments related to sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure (URI) and MS4 programs (Providence). *No action taken.*

Discussion regarding Big River Water Quality Certification Application status. WRB staff will deliver backup supporting draft permit application to RIDEM for consideration. *No action taken.*

Discussion of Water Availability initiative by WRB staff. WRB staff have preliminary information and are working on an RFP, including a focus on HAP and Chipuxet basins. *No vote taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #5 C: Legislation & Policy Committee

Discussion regarding Water Availability scope of work. Next meeting is August 21st at RIDEM to discuss with workgroup. *No action taken.*

Discussion regarding WRB and WRBC legislation, and Bristol County Water Supply Act. WRB staff is coordinating through Department of Administration. *No action taken.*

Discussion regarding draft Consent Agreement for City of Woonsocket for new treatment facility at reduced capacity. RIDEM staff will review and provide comments. S. McGauvran is generally supportive of the document, although it is currently under review by City Solicitor. M. DeFrancesco commented on increasing clarify between paragraphs 7 and 8 to paragraph 10 (schedule). R. Chateauneuf suggested clarification on paragraph 5 and remedial actions from the Board. *No action taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #5 D: Finance Committee

General Manager stated that the capital budget was submitted, and the operating budget will be developed through the Division of Planning within the next month. Chairperson Marchand mentioned pursuing the water surcharge of WRB as a mechanism to fund WRB program and other initiatives. *No action taken.*

AGENDA ITEM #6: Adjournment

No motion to adjourn as there was no quorum. The Board did discuss the next month's committee meeting schedule: September 12, 2012 at 9:00 AM for the Joint Legislation & Policy and Technical Committee Meeting, and September 21st Board meeting.

The Board dispersed at approximately 10:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth J. Burke, P.E.
General Manager