



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Water Resources Board**  
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**CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 5, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Pamela Marchand  
Robert Griffith  
Ian Morrison

**Members Absent:**

June Swallow  
Frank Perry

**Staff Present:**

Romeo Mendes  
Juan Mariscal  
Kathleen Crawley

**Guests**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Marchand called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM noting that there was a quorum present.

**II. ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

**Bristol County Water Authority RFP**

**Background:** Mr. Morrison recused himself from the discussion and action on this item. Mr. Mariscal indicated that the board had directed staff to produce and issue an RFP for the required study and eventual improvement of various Bristol County Water Authority facilities including but not limited to the treatment plant. Ms. Marchand inquired what amount of funds were available for the work and relayed that it appeared the proposal may encompass more than what is specifically needed at this time. She indicated that it had been brought up by the BCWA director that perhaps at this time it would be better to focus on the treatment facility as opposed to a greater portion of the system. Mr. Mariscal explained that there was approximately \$2,000,000 dollars remaining from the original bond issue and that the document was being brought to the committee out of an abundance of caution. The document is structured in its present format due to the fact that a state law is in existence that places the responsibility for certain costs in the Bristol System with the State of Rhode Island. Although the treatment plant is the focus, it is more than just that facility. This is an attempt to take advantage of this opportunity to put in place what is required in the law to prepare a plan for all of our responsibilities and define what our costs would be going forward.

**Discussion:** Ms. Marchand relayed that it appeared significant changes to the treatment plant would be required and that the available \$2,000,000 dollars could be used quickly. Staff had the following to add:

- Specific work needing to be done is unknown at this time
- In the planning stage, the WRB believes it makes sense to look at Bristol's other facilities

- to try to make a determination as to what associated issues exist.
- Bristol has various individual plans such as infrastructure replacement and Water Supply System Management along with various studies undertaken over the years as well as a sanitary survey completed by the Health Department. A determination regarding what costs the WRB is responsible for and what costs BCWA is responsible for needs to be made.
  - Comments from both BCWA and the Department of Health were received and have recently been incorporated into the document.
  - The option to cut back the present scope of work exists and can be initiated if costs wind up being very high.
  - Separate pricing for the treatment facility portion and the portion involving work on the wells, dams and transmission should be requested with the right to award or not award built in.

**Due to Mr. Morrison's recusal, there were not enough committee members to vote on the submittal of the document in its present form to the full board for final approval. It was therefore decided that the committee would issue an advisory indicating that its consensus was to recommend to the full that the document be approved contingent upon separate pricing being provided and the board having the right to award or not award.**

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Griffith with a second by Mr. Morrison, the January 15, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved.

### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Romeo N. Mendes, P.E.  
Supervising Civil Engineer

*\*Note: The meeting's proceedings are available on audiotape for review in the offices of the Water Resources Board. To make an appointment to listen to the audiotapes, please contact 401-574-8400.*

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