



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Water Resources Board
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Big River Groundwater Development Project Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes of Meeting May 1, 2006

Members Present:

Jon Schock, Chairman
William Penn
Robert Griffith
June Swallow
Henry Meyer
Harold Ward
Paul Nordstrom

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Juan Mariscal
Romeo Mendes

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mr. Schock called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Griffith, second by Ms. Swallow, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the April 3, 2006 meeting.

3. Big River Groundwater Development Project

Mr. Mariscal distributed a draft RFQ/P document and the committee began the process of evaluating the individual sections.

It was noted that the top priority of the RFQ/P was to retain a consultant to define the Big River Groundwater Project and to complete that as soon as possible. With this in mind, any analysis of water issues, data, needs planning, etc., should be completed first for the Central part of the State with an overall statewide analysis being done on a parallel track but perhaps being completed after the Central Rhode Island assessment. It was recognized, however, that the Central Rhode Island water issues are linked to the Providence supply and other statewide issues.

After a number of suggestions were made to delete or rework various aspects of the document's scope of work, the Committee members generally agreed that reformatting and streamlining the RFQ/P was necessary to improve it.

Mr. Mariscal and Mr. Mendes will revise the current draft of the RFQ/P and distribute to the committee for comment prior to the next meeting.

The group agreed to meet again on June 5th at 10 a.m.

4. New Business-None

5. Other Business-None

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Griffith, second by Mr. Penn and Ms. Swallow, the committee adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Romeo N. Mendes, P.E.
Supervising Engineer