

Minutes

Sacramento Suburban Water District
Facilities and Operations Committee
Thursday, July 23, 2015

Call to Order

Chair Bob Wichert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Chair Bob Wichert and Kevin Thomas.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Robert Roscoe, Assistant General Manager Dan York, David Espinoza, Heather Hernandez-Fort, Dave Jones, John Valdes,

Public Present: Neil Schild, Paul Selsky, Melanie Holton, William Eubanks

Public Comment

None.

Consent Items

1. Minutes of the May 21, 2015 Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting

Director Kevin Thomas moved to approve the Minutes; Chair Wichert seconded.

AYES:	Thomas and Wichert.	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:		RECUSED:	
ABSENT:			

Items for Discussion and Action

2. Water Master Plan Update and 2015 Urban Water Management Plan

Chair Wichert expressed his desire on how the meeting would be conducted. He stated that he would first like to hear the staff report, then receive any public comment, then the committee members would deliberate and consider taking any action.

Mr. John Valdes gave a brief description of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), the District's Water System Master Plan (WSMP) and the Water Conservation Master Plan (WCMP). Mr. Valdes introduced Brown and Caldwell consultants, Mr. Paul Selsky and Ms. Melanie Holton.

Mr. Selsky and Ms. Holton presented a power point presentation on the WSMP, UWMP, and the WCMP, defining the scope of work and what is involved with these Plans to align with the District's Strategic Plan. They explained that some of the critical success factors will be to maintain consistency across all three documents, to have a conjunctive use strategy, to look at the McClellan Business Park infrastructure needs as well as the

North Service Area (NSA) water main improvements, to review the well management plan, sustain optimal conservation investment, and review operational refinement.

Director Thomas inquired if the District is required to have a WCMP. Mr. Valdes answered that the District is not required by law to have a WCMP. However, there was a desire to have a WCMP to better define the District's efforts in the area of conservation, as well as demonstrate how the District is meeting the Best Management Practices.

Mr. William Eubanks commented on his disapproval of the District preparing a WCMP. He also commented on the target gallons per day per capita for 2020.

Chair Wichert inquired if this UWMP assessment and plan would be done with any consideration of a potential consolidation with the San Juan Water District. Mr. Selsky answered that the request for proposal didn't include the potential consolidation, so at the present time, they would proceed with assessment as the District is today. General Manager (GM) Robert Roscoe stated that the position of staff is to move ahead as the District is today. Both Chair Wichert and Director Thomas agreed that this would be the best way to proceed.

Chair Wichert inquired about investigating the possibility of adding additional surface water resources for providing assurances of water supply to our customers. Ms. Holton answered that this is already included in their assessment. The consultants will be looking at not only the Sacramento River Water Supply, but a much broader scope and incorporating any alternatives to the District's conjunctive use analysis.

Chair Wichert also inquired if they will look into contamination treatment methods, monitoring plumes, exposure or any risk to the District and any costs associated, he suggested perhaps evaluating experiences that other water districts in similar situations have had, and what methods they have tried. Mr. Selsky responded that all of his suggestions are already included in the proposal along with discussing drinking water standards and other treatment technologies.

Director Thomas asked if this is the first time the District has created a WCMP, and how often it will be updated. GM Roscoe stated that this will be the first WCMP that the District has done. However, he informed the Committee that the Sacramento Region completed a WCMP in 2004. He also noted that that the District is attempting to align the WSMP with the UWMP as it seems more economical to combine the two, as well as incorporate the WCMP. He stated that the UWMP is mandated on a 5 year cycle, with 2016 being the next time it's due. Director Thomas commented that staff has done a great job on master plans, and noted that other districts have looked to us for advice.

Chair Wichert inquired about recommendations on fluoridation use. He was wondering if the analysis could include some discussion on how others have coped with the challenges of fluoridation, and provide any recommendations on how the District might optimize its resources. Ms. Holton indicated they will look at pressure zones, and any potential to bring NSA water to the South Service Area (SSA), specifically looking at fluoridation needs, however, she stated that wasn't included in the initial request for proposal.

GM Roscoe added that part of the District is fluoridated because of the source of conjunctive use water that comes into the District, reminding the Committee that one source is fluoridated and one is not, and that State policy supports fluoridation as beneficial.

Chair Wichert inquired if they will be analyzing the condition of each of the District wells. Ms. Holton replied that included in the Scope of work, will be an analysis of each of the District wells which will include recommendations on which wells should be rehabilitated as well as recommendations on final abandonment/destruction.

Chair Wichert inquired about the database tool and any additional cost associated with it. Ms. Holton replied that at this point the database tool is not included, but can be added at any point. Discussion ensued regarding budgeting for this tool. GM Roscoe stated that it sounds like there is a desire to have this tool as he also believes it would bring value to the District. He further stated that currently all three plans are below the budgeted amount, and that he will explore the options of including this tool in the current budget. Chair Wichert and Director Thomas both supported that recommendation.

Chair Wichert also inquired if there were any optional/voluntary items or tasks in the draft UWMP that have not been included. Ms. Holton explained that there is an additional conservation analysis that is described in the guide book, however, Maddaus Water Management, the consultant company that is preparing the District's WCMP, will be covering that.

Ms. Holton briefly described further detail of what will be included in the WCMP scope and statement of qualifications, as well as what the analysis will provide.

Chair Wichert inquired about the water shortage contingency planning and how possible well failures or contamination may affect the District's ability to provide water, and if they will look at that from a water shortage contingency plan basis. Mr. Selsky replied that this will be covered in the Master Plan.

Chair Wichert inquired about when the documents will be completed, and how frequently they anticipate having Committee meetings. Mr. Selsky answered that the UWMP is due by July 1, 2016 and suggested meeting each 1 to 1 1/2 months.

Mr. Eubanks expressed his displeasure with Chair Wichert's method for running the meeting, allowing public comment after the staff presentation, but not allowing additional public comment after deliberation and discussion by the committee members and before committee action.

The Committee supported moving ahead with the UWMP, WSMP and the WCMP stating that this is in the best interest of the District, as well as the rate payers.

3. Grant of Easement and Right of Way – 737 Treehouse Lane

Mr. David Jones gave the staff report on the acquisition of an easement at 737 Treehouse Lane, and recommended supporting the purchase of the easement for the proposed \$1,200.00.

Mr. Jones clarified that negotiated purchase was not an absolute necessity because the District has eminent domain options, but it is recommended as the preferred, least cost solution.

Chair Wichert recognized that when the District is encumbering an easement, it takes land use away from the customer. Due to this, he believes compensating the customer is justified.

Director Thomas inquired how the customer determined the value of \$1,200.00. Mr. Jones stated that staff was unaware how the customer determined the value; however, staff believes it is less than the easement area property value.

The Committee recommended supporting the purchase of the easement for \$1,200.00 and directed staff to present this to the full Board with a committee recommendation of approval.

4. Grant of Easement and Right of Way – 1020 Jonas Avenue

Mr. David Espinoza gave the staff report on the acquisition of an easement at 1020 Jonas Avenue, and requested support from the Committee. He stated that District staff has negotiated a 15-foot Water Line Easement (WLE) along the western property line and a 10-foot WLE along the southern property line which would add to an existing easement on the adjacent property making a total of 15 feet. This proposed easement would enable the opportunity of a loop system, which improves both fire flow demands and water quality.

The Committee recommended supporting the purposed easement, and directed staff to present this to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

5. Surface Water Supply of Former Northridge Water District

Assistant General Manager (AGM) Dan York presented the staff report on the 9,023 acre feet (af) of surface water supply of the former Northridge Water District (NWD) to determine if it can be reallocated to SSWD. He informed the Committee that in order to resolve this issue, it is recommended that legal counsel from the District and City of Sacramento determine if the subject water supply can be reallocated to SSWD. AGM York also stated that staff would like to examine the possibility of utilizing the Area D water rights in the District's NSA.

Chair Wichert inquired where the surface water supply would come from. AGM York stated that it should come from the Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant, south of the American River.

Chair Wichert clarified that this water can only be used in Area D. AGM York concurred. Discussion ensued regarding the history of Area D.

The Committee recommended presenting this to the full Board with a recommendation to support a meeting between District staff and City of Sacramento staff, including

respective legal counsel's of the District and the City, to discuss the 9,023 af of surface water supply.

6. Joint Defense and Cost Sharing Agreement to Preserve and Protect American River Water Supplies

GM Roscoe presented the staff report on the Joint Defense and Cost Sharing Agreement. He informed the Committee that a number of local water purveyors have been working cooperatively on adhering to a number of goals to protect the American River. GM Roscoe also informed the Committee that the District has participated in prior Agreements.

The Committee supported staff's recommendation to move forward, and suggested presenting this to the full Board as an information item.

Director Wichert additionally requested for GM Roscoe to have discussions with Carmichael Water District (CWD) regarding resource sharing and perhaps include discussions regarding any cooperative maintenance. He suggested discussing any options where both Districts could reach mutually beneficial agreements. Director Thomas agreed with this suggestion. The Committee requested a staff report back to this F&O Committee regarding the status. GM Roscoe indicated that he will contact the General Manager at CWD to schedule a meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Wichert adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Robert S. Roscoe
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District