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WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WSAC) AGENDA

Regular Meeting

August 27 & August 29, 2014

ACTION Agenda prepared September 4, 2014 with action taken in bold type.

5:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING - SESSION ONE (AUGUST 27): FELLOWSHIP HALL

2:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING - SESSION TWO (AUGUST 29): FELLOWSHIP HALL

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City Councilmember Attendance: Four or more members of the City Council may be in attendance at this meeting.

August 27, 2014 - 5:00 PM

SESSION ONE

Call to Order - Co-Facilitator Nicholas Dewar called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Roll Call - Committee Members Present: Baskin, Stearns, Engfer, Pepping, Mesiti-Miller, Rotkin, Beckmann, Longinotti, Menard, Mansergh and Holt. Committee Members absent: Keutmann, Stanojevic and Slatter. Committee Member tardy: Jacobson.

Welcome to the Public and Public Comment

Co-facilitators Fox and Dewar welcomed the public. One member of the public commented on matters related to the WSAC's website.

Committee Member Updates

Three Committee Members discussed matters related to outreach and schedules.

Soquel Updates

The Water Department Deputy Director/Engineering Manager Heidi Luckenbach updated the Committee Members on significant events and news within the Soquel Creek Water District.

Agenda Review

Co-Facilitator Dewar led the Committee Members in a review of the agenda for the WSAC's fifth meeting.

Independent Review Panel

Water Director and members of the IRP Subcommittee led Committee Members in an overview of the list of candidates to serve as members of the IRP. By consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend all of the shortlisted candidates to the Water Department as members of the IRP and that the IRP Subcommittee should continue its work concerning the IRP by considering how the IRP might be brought up to speed and what role it will play in the Real Deal.

Recon Report Update

Water Director Rosemary Menard responded to questions raised about the Supply/Demand slide deck and discussed curtailment's role as a conservation strategy.

Scenarios

WSAC Consultant Karen Raucher led a discussion of Scenarios for the decision making process. **By consensus, the Committee agreed to post Karen's slide show on the Committee's website and to distribute a link to it through email.**

Criteria

Co-Facilitator Carie Fox led Committee members in a discussion about the criteria and lists of criteria that the Committee Members had compiled.

Public Comment

One member of the public spoke on matters relating to their desire to include flood control as a criterion.

Return to Criteria

Co-Facilitator Carie Fox continued leading Committee members in a discussion about the criteria and lists of criteria that the Committee Members had compiled. **By consensus, the Committee agreed that Mike Rotkin, Sue Holt, Dana Jacobson, David Stearns, Rosemary Menard and Rick Longinotti would meet with WSAC consultants Karen and Bob Raucher and co-facilitators Nicholas Dewar and Carie Fox the following day to review a compilation of the criteria collected from the Committee and the members of the public during this exercise, and to return with an organized version of criteria by the Friday session.**

Sub-consultant Needs

WSAC consultant Bob Raucher led the Committee in a discussion about the sub-consultants needed to provide technical support to the Committee. **By consensus, the Committee agreed that Stratus should send a list of recommended sub-consultants to Committee Members by the close of business the following day, and that the Committee would advise on the sub-consultants during the Friday session.**

Santa Cruz Water Supply Convention

Santa Cruz Water Supply Convention Subcommittee Members Doug Engfer and Sarah Mansergh reported to the Committee the progress of the Subcommittee. 18 proponents have confirmed their participation in the event so far. **By consensus, the Committee agreed on the following directives to the Subcommittee: the date of the Convention will be changed to Thursday October 16, 2014; the event will be called the Santa Cruz Water Supply Convention: Our Water Our Future; Civinomics will prepare a software tool for participating members of the public to use to assess the proposed alternatives; Committee Members will use the online decision model to rate the proposed alternatives; and the September 11 deadline for submittal of proposals may be postponed to an appropriate date later in September. Also by consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend the City run advertisements in the press to ensure that all potential proponents and participants are aware of the Convention.**

Materials Resulting from the Previous Meeting

Committee Members reviewed the Meeting Summary and Action Agenda of the Committee's July meeting. The Committee could not reach an agreement about particular wording in the July Action Agenda. The Committee agreed to continue the discussion during the Friday session.

Public Comment

Two members of the public spoke on items regarding technical consultants, the Committee's Charter, how the Committee reviews flaws in alternatives and the Convention.

Written Review and Wrap Up

Co-Facilitator Nicholas Dewar requested that participants complete written reviews of the meeting.

Adjournment - At 9:33 p.m. the Water Supply Advisory Committee adjourned from its first session on August 27, 2014 of the fifth regular meeting to its second session on August 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, at the Peace United Church of Christ.

Water Supply Advisory Committee

August 29, 2014 - 2:00 PM

SESSION TWO

Call to Order - Co-facilitator Nicholas Dewar called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

Roll Call - Committee Members Present: Menard, Longinotti, Mansergh, Mesiti-Miller, Baskin, Jacobson, Pepping, Engfer, Beckmann, Keutmann and Holt. Committee Members absent: Stanojevic, Stearns, Rotkin and Slatter.

Public Comment

Two members of the public spoke on matters commending the Committee and of a seminar that will be held on September 9th and 10th.

Correspondence Received from the Community

Corresponding Secretary Mike Rotkin was absent from this session. He will be absent until September 27. Until then, Committee Member Sue Holt volunteered to temporarily hold Rotkin's position as Corresponding Secretary. **By consensus, the Committee approved of Committee Member Sue Holt's temporary appointment as Corresponding Secretary.**

Review of Previous Session

Committee Members noted the number of issues that were carried over from the previous session and asked that issues be resolved rather than postponed.

Review Agenda for this Session

Committee Members discussed matters related to this session. **By consensus, the Committee agreed that they would accept discussion of Decision Rules in the form of a white paper rather than discussing it further during this session.**

Review Updated Online Decision Model

Committee Members reviewed the details of the development of criteria and rating scales for the decision model. **By consensus, the Committee agreed that the criteria presented would be defined by Water**

Director Rosemary Menard and reviewed by Committee Member Dana Jacobson, then shared with the Committee if time permits; WSAC consultants Bob and Karen Raucher will add criteria as they see the need; Bob and Karen Raucher will develop the first draft of the rating scales for all of the criteria, which will be reviewed if time permits; Bob and Karen Raucher will develop the first draft of the ratings; and Stratus will use the “working group” comprised of Committee Members Dana Jacobson, Doug Engfer and Sue Holt, consultants, staff and facilitators as advisors as they develop these materials.

Sub-Consultant Instructions

Committee Members continued exploring the selection of sub-consultants from Wednesday’s session.

Public Comment

One member of the public spoke on matters regarding the consideration of members of the community as potential sub-consultants.

Sub-Consultant Instructions Continued

Committee Members continued exploring the selection of sub-consultants. By consensus, the Committee agreed to direct Stratus to proceed with the process of contracting the following subcontractors: John Rosenblum, George Tchobanoglous, Pueblo Water Resources Inc., Trussell Technologies, Hydrometrics, Andy Fischer, Jeff Hagar, Shawn Chartrand, Martha Lenihan, Sean Skaggs and Brown & Caldwell. By consensus, the Committee agreed to hire those sub-contractors under the following conditions: Stratus may only task these subcontractors with jobs limited to familiarizing themselves with the work of the Committee and preparing and negotiating scopes of work. Before Stratus can assign other tasks Stratus will, as soon as possible, provide sufficient information about these candidates so that Committee Members can satisfy themselves about the suitability of the candidates for the job of technical sub-consultant; Committee Members will review this information and will reply to Stratus within 48 hours (these hours being business days) of receiving it with questions or conclusions; Stratus may assume that, if two business days elapse after it has delivered information or provided answers about that candidate, the inquiring Committee Member is satisfied that the candidate in question is suitable as a sub-contractor; and none of these sub-consultants will be tasked with any job, except for the preparatory tasks described above, until all Committee Member questions regarding their suitability have been settled using the previous condition. Also by consensus, the Committee agreed that

Stratus will circulate to all Committee Members, via Water Department Director Rosemary Menard, copies of substantive correspondence describing this tasking and will also forward to all Committee Members all substantive communications received from sub-consultants regarding the tasking process and products delivered by the sub-consultants in response to those tasks; and as an exception to this agreement, Stratus will not forward to the Committee any correspondence with the ESA attorney or the water rights attorney if that correspondence is considered privileged.

Technical Consultant for Real Deal

Co-Facilitator Nicholas Dewar led the Committee in a discussion regarding technical consultants for Real Deal. Committee Members described concerns about foregoing the opportunity to evaluate a wide range of candidates for the Real Deal. **By consensus, the Committee agreed to ask the Water Department to conduct a consultant selection process that will permit it to compare Stratus with other firms capable of providing the necessary expertise during the Real Deal and for Water Director Rosemary Menard to discuss with Bob Raucher concerns over his performance.** The Committee acknowledged this may result in the re-selection of Stratus.

Santa Cruz Water Supply Convention

Santa Cruz Water Supply Convention Subcommittee Members Doug Engfer and Sarah Mansergh continued the discussion regarding the SCWSC from Wednesday's session. **By consensus, the Committee agreed the deadline for receipt of proposals should be postponed to September 18, 2014.**

Recon Outreach Subcommittee Update

Recon Outreach Subcommittee member Charlie Keutmann reported that Committee Member Sue Holt participated in his radio show in August, the Subcommittee has further developed the concept of a speaker's bureau and is looking for volunteers to take part in outreach activities.

Attitudinal Survey Concept Paper

Members of the Committee discussed the Attitudinal Survey to be proposed for later implementation. **By consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend the Attitudinal Survey to the Council; to direct the Recon Outreach Subcommittee to monitor the development of this survey on behalf of the Committee; and approved the addition to**

the Recon Outreach Subcommittee of Committee Members Greg Pepping, Sue Holt and Doug Engfer.

Update to Council

Committee Members discussed the need to report to Council during Committee Member Rotkin's absence and noted that the draft of the Staff Report includes out of date material. Committee Member David Baskin volunteered to represent the Committee in presenting the update to the Council. **By consensus, the Committee agreed to accept Committee Member Baskin's assignment to report to Council.**

Growth

Water Department Administrative Services Manager Toby Goddard presented a selection of graphs from the report of "Historic Water Demand Related to Growth." Members of the Committee asked for an economic analysis of the water intensity of the local economy which may show trends over time.

Materials Resulting from Previous Meeting

The Committee continued its discussion on the July meeting's Action Agenda and Meeting Summary. **By consensus, the Committee approved the Meeting Summary for the July meeting and agreed to change the agreement regarding growth in the Action Agenda so that it corresponds with the wording used in the Summary as follows: "By Consensus, the Committee agreed that using water scarcity to change the General Plan (GP) growth levels is not part of the Committee's decision space. However, there are several growth issues that are still part of the Committee's discussion: impacts to growth beyond the GP's planning horizon, the relationship between GP growth and increased water needs, the effect of additional water-neutral policies and the analysis of existing policies which might be water-neutral."**

Agenda for September

Co-Facilitator Carie Fox guided the Committee Members in a brief discussion regarding the agenda for September's meeting.

Oral Communication

Five members of the public spoke on matters regarding the Brown Act, growth and the General Plan.

Written Review and Wrap Up

Co-Facilitator Carie Fox guided the Committee Members in identifying any incomplete issues that need to be carried to the next session as well as what was completed during this meeting.

Adjournment - At 6:00 p.m., the Water Supply Advisory Committee adjourned from the regular meeting of August 27 & 29, 2014 to its next meeting on September 24 & 26, 2014 in the Fellowship Hall, at the Peace United Church of Christ.