

Tualatin Valley Water District



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1850 SW 170th AVENUE
BOARD WORK SESSION
JULY 10, 2012

Present: Commissioners: President Dick Schmidt, Jim Duggan, and Marilyn McWilliams

Absent Commissioners: Richard Burke, Jim Doane

Management

Staff: Todd Heidgerken, Mark Knudson, Paul Matthews, Patty Rupp

Citizens: None

President Schmidt called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY UPDATE (PowerPoint slides attached)

Manager of the Office of Community and Intergovernmental Relations, Todd Heidgerken explained that since Commissioners Burke and Doane were absent, Mr. Heidgerken and Chief Engineer, Mark Knudson would meet with them at a later to review the Water Supply Strategy Update. This is the second Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) workshop regarding the Water Supply Strategy. Staff is looking for feedback from the Board to incorporate into the process that would be revisited at a future Work Session.

Mr. Knudson covered the following:

- Proposed Work Plan
 - Lag Hillsboro schedule by 1-2 months
 - Identify TVWD presumptive strategy in ~ April 2013
- Proposed Work Plan – 2012
- Proposed Work Plan – 2013
- Proposed Work Plan – Next Steps
 - Over next 2 months
 - September 2012 Work Session
 - Review initial economic evaluation
 - Review updated evaluation criteria
 - Review draft public communications plan

Mr. Knudson explained that Resolution 11-07 (attached) adopted in December 2007 set into motion the District's Water Supply Improvement Program. He noted on the second page, Item 3, indicates, "The Board approved the dedication of the entire \$12.5 million in the Water Supply Improvement Project the 07-09 Biennium Capital Improvement Plan for the Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project (TBWSP)."

Mr. Knudson stated he would propose a revision to Resolution 11-07.

A discussion was held amongst the Commissioners and Staff regarding the proposed revision. It was proposed to move forward as a regular agenda item, with a brief presentation at a future Board Meeting, since the meeting is televised and the message would be transparent. Staff recommended naming the item an amendment to the TVWD Water Supply Improvement program.

Mr. Knudson covered the following:

- Water Supply Package Options
 - Key Assumptions
 - Baseline
 - Near-term Option
 - Long-term Options
 - TBWSP
 - Willamette-Wilsonville Option
 - Northern Groundwater Option
 - Portland Option
 - Willamette- Newberg Options
 - Joint Water Commission (JWC) - Tualatin Valley Irrigation District (TVID) Option
- Package Structure
 - Packages do not include all possible combinations of near- and long-term options
 - Goal of the financial evaluation is to answer two key questions:
 1. What is the most economical long-term supply Option?
 2. Is it cost effective to delay a long-term supply option by investing in a small (10 mgd) expansion of the JWC Water Treatment Plant?
- Development of Supply Packages - Question 1 & Question 2
- Proposed Supply Package Options – Result is seven water supply packages
- Comparison of Long-term Supplies – Packages 1, 2 and 3
- Comparison of Long-term Supplies – Result: Seven water supply packages
- Comparison of Long-term Supplies – Packages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 7(Version 2)
- Water Supply Package Options – Next Steps
- Non-Financial Evaluation Process & Criteria

Mr. Knudson suggested the Board review the information on the criteria received and let staff know of any questions they might have. The primary focus is on criteria that are both important and differentiating. Over the next two months, the criteria will be refined with actual evaluations available in November.

WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION (handout attached)

Mr. Heidgerken explained the attached handout lists communication options for the Board to review and decide what they consider the most valuable option.

There are two phases to this project:

- Phase 1 – Communicate information leading up to making a water supply decision
 - Goal 1 Provide information that is helpful in assisting the Board in making a water supply decision

– Goal 2 Public Engagement

Option 1: Involve public in the process of making a decision (assumes the Board decision will reflect input from the public and the public will be engaged in learning information in order to provide input on a decision).

- Tools to do this may include polling, stakeholder meetings, creation of “Blue Ribbon” panel, etc.

Option 2: Inform public of the opportunity to provide input to the Board in order to assist the Board in making a decision (assumes the Board is the only one making the decision yet encourages input to be provided to the Board).

- Tools to do this may include outreach to existing groups, creation of opportunities to provide input directly to the Board using open houses, public comment periods, and others.

➤ Phase 2 – Communicating information about the water supply decision made by the Board

– Goal 1 Provide information regarding the decision made by the Board

Option 1: Involve the public in the decision-making process

Option 2: Inform the public of the opportunities to provide input to the decision-making process.

A Board discussion suggested:

Phase 1, Option 2 is the best option, with the exception of including polling. Commissioner McWilliams stated that all options offered need to be feasible.

Mr. Heidgerken acknowledged that Board members expressed they are comfortable with the Board’s role as the decision maker, and that citizens can funnel information to the Board. The Board is asking for citizen input into the decision; the Board is not asking citizens to make that decision. President Schmidt stated the Board would ultimately decide on the District’s water supply strategies.

Mr. Heidgerken explained that in Phase 2, one option has an additional level of complexity: one of the water sources under consideration requires a vote of the public. He commented that if a vote were needed, additional time would be factored into the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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BY: _____
Dick Schmidt, President

BY: _____
Jim Duggan, Secretary

Date Approved: August 15, 2012