

WEST VALLEY CAP SUBCONTRACTORS  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of the April 12, 2012 Planning Committee Meeting held at Reclamation Headquarters, Arizona Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robin Stinnett, City of Avondale  
Ron Whitler, Town of Buckeye (phone)  
Jamie McCullough, City of El Mirage  
Sally Ceccarelli-Wolf, EPCOR  
Susan Armijo, Global Water Resources (phone)  
Sandra Rode, City of Goodyear  
Alan Dulaney, City of Peoria  
Christine Nunez, City of Surprise

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Miller, Arizona Department of Water Resources  
Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation  
Mitch Haws, Bureau of Reclamation  
Cassie Martin, City of Surprise  
Harold Thomas, Thomas Water and Environmental Consulting, Inc.

1. Call to Order  
Having determined that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes  
There were are no minutes for approval.
3. Director's Report  
Harold Thomas reviewed the meeting agenda with the committee.
4. BOR Report  
Mitch Haws deferred his discussion items for agenda item number 5.

5. Reclamation Debrief on WaterSMART Basin Study Grant Application

Reclamation staff present for the debrief were Mitch Haws, Leslie Meyers, and Amanda Erath (by phone). Reclamation reported that there we 14 proposal submitted and 5 of them were selected for funding. Total available funds were \$2.4 million. The WESTCAPS submittal scored well on the following criteria: quality of data and models available; nexus with Reclamation; stakeholder interest and support, and cost share. The WESTCAPS submittal did not score as well on the following criteria: defining the extent of the imbalance; Reclamation involvement; and fit with the Program.

The Committee discussed with Reclamation how it could improve its submittal for the next fiscal year. Reclamation stated that WESTCAPS should not be discouraged as many of the proposal that won this year had not won last year. That it is rare for a submittal to win on its first application.

6. Renewal of the WESTCAPS Multi-Party Agreement for 3 Years

The Committee discussed renewing the WESTCAPS Multi-Party Agreement for another 3 year term. The Committee agreed to vote on renewal at its May meeting.

7. Discussion of WESTCAPS Dues for FY 2012-13

Committee members discussed setting WESTCAPS dues for FY 2012-13 at \$3,200 per member per year. All the members agreed with the keeping the fee at \$3,200, except for the Town of Buckeye which preferred a fee of \$2,500.

**Action Item:**

Christine Nunez moved and Alan DuLaney seconded that WESTCAPS dues for Fiscal Year 2012-13 be \$3,200 per member per year. The motion passed 6 yes and 1 no. Ron Whitler, of Buckeye casted the no vote.

8. Preparation of a WESTCAPS Appraisal Level Study

The Committee discussed the possibility of using past WESTCAPS work products to produce a Reclamation Appraisal Level Study. Such a study is needed by Reclamation for WESTCAPS to move forward with federal funding for futher infrastructure evelopment, such as the North-South regional transmission main. Submitting an Appraisal Level Study to Reclamation does not obligate WESTCAPS in any way. Developing an Appraisal Level Study will require the support of WESTCAPS member agencies and the Committee decided a vote was necessary by the Committee on whether it should take on this work. The Committee decided to vote on this issue at its May meeting.

9. Membership Reports

There were no membership reports.

10. Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be May 10, 2012 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at a location to be determined. Harold asked that the Committee place the Planning Committee meeting on their calendars for the second Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.