

MEETING REPORT
WATER COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2010
8:00 A.M.

Directors: Barbara Balen
Joseph Day

Public: Ron Ringen
Rebecca Cremeen

Staff: Pete Kampa
John Barnhart
Melissa McMullen

Tom Scesa
Ted Allen
John Mills, TUD Water Consultant

Discuss Water Conservation for Landscaping

Director Balen discussed the importance of water conservation and initiatives and stated that it is in all of our interest to develop county-wide policies that codify innovative, water-saving practices in and around our built environments.

Ron Ringen stated that he would be attending a Tuolumne County Planning Commission meeting and distributing examples from the SMUD program.

Director Balen suggested that the language from the Smart From The Start grant would be another beneficial piece of information to be given to the Tuolumne County Planning Commission, Ron Ringen and our TUD Board for consideration. Pete Kampa said that he would be willing to distribute this information.

Committee recommendation: TUD to continue to support initiatives, programs and policies that promote county-wide water conservation.

Discuss Proposal for the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Plan

Ted Allen, Associate Engineer from TUD reported on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Plan (PLPRP). Mr. Allen distributed a list to the Committee of the proposed scope of work by Horizon Water and Environment (Oakland, CA) which included:

- Watershed Hydrology, Sediment Sources and Control
- Lake Capacity, Sediment Removal Plan, Water Quality, and Wetland Design
- Prepare and Distribute Public Outreach Materials
- Public Access Plan
- Fire Management/Fuels Reduction Plan
- Environmental Compliance and Permitting Requirements and Strategy
- Project Coordination, Meetings and Management

Estimated Completion of work is 12 months.

Mr. Allen answered questions from the District Staff, Committee and Public.

Committee recommendation: Ted Allen to give an update on progress of the Proposal for the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Plan at a future Water Committee meeting.

Reviewed Comments on the Urban Stakeholders Committee Draft Issue Papers, May 14, 2010; Compliance with SB7x and the Governor's 20x2020

John Mills reviewed comments on the Urban Stakeholders Committee draft issue papers, May 14, 2010; Compliance with SB7x and the Governors 20x2020. Mr. Mills distributed additional information consisting of; Water Conservation Act of 2009 and Agricultural and Urban Water Supplier's SBx7-7 Deadlines and Requirements.

John Mills answered questions from District Staff, Committee and Public.

Committee recommendation: Proceed with comments for the Urban Stakeholder Committee Draft Issue Papers, May 14, 2010; Compliance with SB7x and the Governor's 20x2020.

Discussed Role of Stakeholders and Public Involvement for the Urban Water Management Plan

Pete Kampa began discussion on the Role of Stakeholders and Public Involvement and the Proposed Outline of Operations and Responsibilities.

Director Balen made suggestions but John Mills stated that due to the time frame of the document he did not see it feasible to make those changes at this time.

John Mills answered questions from District Staff, Committee and Public.

Committee recommendation: To proceed with draft of Role of Stakeholders and Public Involvement and Proposed Outline of Operations and Responsibilities as drafted.

Discuss Creating Revenue Sources and/or Finding Ways to Obligate our Water

Pete Kampa discussed possible ways to create revenue sources and/or finding ways to obligate our water which included:

- Discussion and update on small hydro feasibility, FERC opportunities
- Discussion about expanding ditch customer base for outdoor irrigation use from 600 to 1,000
- Discussion about beneficial uses under the California Water Code Sections 1240-1244 and identifying partners to secure these benefits

Pete Kampa stated that increasing customer base obligates more of our water including the water to wet the ditch. Right now, it probably takes more water to wet the ditch than customer use. Mr. Kampa stated that he would like to see if TUD can reverse that ratio.

Tom Scesa was asked by Pete Kampa to look into creating a data base of past ditch customers by doing a thorough mapping of the previous customs and ditch system.

Director Balen stated that she thought that creating a data base to show previous customers compared to current customers and possibly expanding TUD'S ditch customer base would be beneficial to TUD.

Committee recommendation: Report to be given by Tom Scesa at a later date to the Water Committee about expanding ditch customer base for outdoor irrigation use from 600 to 1,000.

Reviewed Proposed Agreement for the Water Master Plan

Tom Scesa reviewed the proposed agreement for the Water Master Plan and stated that TUD will be the overall leader of the Water Master Plan (WMP) Project, with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J) augmenting TUD's team. Mr. Scesa answered questions from the Committee, District Staff and Public about how the project will be managed and project schedule. Mr. Scesa stated that the agreement for the Water Master Plan will go before the TUD Board on August 10, 2010.

Committee recommendation: To proceed with the agreement for the Water Master Plan to the TUD Board on August 10, 2010.

Review Revisions to the Water Rules and Regulations

Due to time constraints the Committee decided to review the Water Rules and Regulations at the next Water Committee meeting on July 29, 2010.

Committee Recommendation: To review the Water Rules and Regulations at the next Water Committee meeting on July 29, 2010