

REGIONAL WATER PROVIDERS CONSORTIUM BOARD MEETING
Minutes of March 7, 2007

Consortium Board Chair Jim Duggan called the Regional Water Providers Consortium Board Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The meeting was held in the Metro Council Chambers.

Elected representatives from sixteen Consortium member agencies were present at the meeting (which is a quorum), including City of Beaverton, Boring Water District #24, Clackamas River Water, City of Forest Grove, City of Gresham, City of Hillsboro, City of Lake Oswego, Metro, Oak Lodge Water District, Raleigh Water District, City of Sandy, South Fork Water Board, Sunrise Water Authority, City of Tualatin, Tualatin Valley Water District, and West Slope Water District.

Consortium member agencies not represented by elected officials at this meeting included City of Fairview, City of Gladstone, City of Milwaukie, City of Portland, City of Tigard, and City of Wilsonville.

Introductions: Introductions were made. Those in attendance included Councilor Forrest Soth and David Winship from the City of Beaverton; Commissioner Lew Seagraves from Boring Water District #24; Commissioner Larry Robertson and Gary Kerr from Clackamas River Water; Councilor Victoria Lowe and Rob Foster from the City of Forest Grove; Councilor Shirley Craddick and Mike Grimm from the City of Gresham; Commissioner Gordon Faber and Peter Martins from the City of Hillsboro; Councilor Kristin Johnson and Joel Komarek from the City of Lake Oswego; Councilor Carl Hosticka and Tim O'Brien from Metro; Commissioner Jim Knapp and Dan Bradley from Oak Lodge Water District; Councilor Aaron O'Donnell from Raleigh Water District; Councilor Don Allen from the City of Sandy; Commissioner Norm King and John Collins from South Fork Water Board; Commissioner Randy Shannon and John Thomas from Sunrise Water Authority; Councilor Ed Truax and Mike McKillip from the City of Tualatin; Commissioner Jim Duggan from Tualatin Valley Water District; Commissioner A.P. DiBenedetto from West Slope Water District; Lawrence Fain from the City of Newberg; Lorna Stickel, Rebecca Geisen, Lindsey Berman, and Patty Burk from the City of Portland/Consortium Staff.

Approval of Minutes for June 7, September 6, and December 6, 2006: The June 7, September 6, and December 6, 2006 Regional Water Providers Consortium Board meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written (16:0:0).

Public Comment: None.

Conservation Committee Report: Lindsey Berman reported that the Consortium Conservation Committee (CCC) has chosen a new marketing firm, Ecos Consulting, to begin working on this year's summer marketing campaign. Ms. Berman noted that the CCC is encouraged by the willingness of Ecos Consulting to open up the marketing update process and their desire to really listen and include CCC input into the campaign. Ms. Berman commented that for this year's

summer marketing campaign, the new tagline is *Save a little. Help a lot.* The CCC will be using a television advertisement from several years ago in their media campaign. Ms. Berman said the *Sprinkler Cha Cha Cha* ad with the gnome is a timeless piece and by using a previously developed ad saves money on development and allows them to spend those resources elsewhere. She noted that the summer media campaign will run from June through August. The television advertisement will be shown on Channel 2, KATU and a mix of cable television stations.

Ms. Berman reported that the new Assistant Program Specialist for conservation, Bonny Cushman began working with the Consortium at the beginning of January and has already made a big contribution to the program. She said Ms. Cushman comes with 9 ½ years of experience with Northwest Service Academy.

Ms. Berman advised that the CCC is currently working on revisions to the Consortium website. She noted input from water provider staff has been requested and more funding and resources are being spent on revising the Consortium site. She noted that the Consortium website is the storefront for the Consortium. Ms. Berman said they are working on making the site easier to navigate and to give a more comprehensive overview of who we are and what we do. Ms. Berman noted that the goal is to also include more information on other non-conservation activities and make it easier to get in contact with members directly as well. The website will include new information on Evapotranspiration (ET) technology. She said the initial plan with regards to ET is to add a page to the website that will educate viewers about what the technology is and how they can apply it in their own home water savings plan. She noted that they will be marketing the ET technology information at this summer's nursery events and follow up with the development of an ET brochure.

Councilor Truax commented that there is a resolution in the Board packet to transfer \$8,000 of carryover money to the conservation committee ET program. Councilor Truax asked if this funding allocation was part of the web updates she was referring to.

Ms. Berman responded that the allocation Councilor Truax is referring to is not part of the initial website plan she was discussing but if the ET program as outlined in the resolution is approved tonight by the Consortium Board it will be added to the Consortium website as well.

Councilor Truax asked if Ms. Berman and the CCC had all the resources they needed to improve the overall website as she originally outlined. Councilor Truax said if we are going to be improving our overall presence to the website and using the Consortium website as our storefront, he would be willing to use more of the carryover funds identified in the budget if it would enhance what we are trying to do with the website. Councilor Truax asked if the Board allocated an additional \$20,000 would the website presence and enhancements be even better.

Ms. Berman advised that the CCC requested a total of \$21,000 of the carryover funds; \$8,000, which is to be spent in the current FY 06-07 and the remainder in FY 07-08. This request for funds will include providing ET and weather forecasting information on the Consortium website, the development and printing of an ET brochure and customize weather gauges to be used as giveaways during the summer nursery events.

Councilor Truax commented that his question is not specific to what the CCC is planning to do with ET in regard to the website. He asked if instead of \$21,000, the Board allocated \$40,000 of the carryover funds, what more can we do to enhance the Consortium website. Councilor Truax stated that he believes the website is an important piece of the Consortium and is willing put more funding into the web presence overall.

Ms. Berman responded that it is difficult at this time for her to answer Councilor Truax as the CCC has just begun working with the new marketing firm. Ms. Berman commented that of course, more funding could be used but at this time it would be difficult to say how that funding would be utilized.

Councilor Truax asked Ms. Berman if she could pose the questions above to the new marketing firm. Mrs. Berman advised she would inquire with Ecos Consulting and report back.

Commissioner Gordon Faber asked for information regarding the number of website hits the Consortium website receives annually.

Ms. Berman said she did not have that information with her but that it can be found in the Consortium *End of the Year* report that was distributed to Board members in December. Ms. Berman commented that the Consortium website is popular and receives a lot of activity especially in the summer.

Ms. Berman reported that the CCC held its first of six property managers workshop at Tualatin Valley Water District. She said over 70 people attended including landscape designers, property managers and other landscape professional. Ms. Berman reported that there will be two property managers workshops conducted per year for the next three years.

Ms. Berman noted that the Consortium again had a booth at the Yard, Garden and Patio show, which took place on February 23rd through the 25th at the Oregon Convention Center. She advised over 30,000 people attended the show and they gathered 1,300 to 1,400 e-mail addresses to add to the conservation database. The hope is to develop an e-newsletter to send to these recipients.

Ms. Berman mentioned that the Recycleman school assembly program continues. She advised that there are approximately five more shows to be conducted this year.

Ms. Berman advised that two new games will be added to the Consortium website kid's page targeting 9 to 12 year olds. The games will be using many of the characters and colors from the current kid materials.

Chair Duggan commented that he would feel more comfortable discussing the website additions as mentioned by Councilor Truax with the EC, CTC and CCC first to come up with specific ideas on what upgrades we would want to make and then taking those ideas to the marketing firm to determine the costs.

Councilor Truax advised that he hopes it would be a collaborative effort between the committees and the marketing firm. He noted that he would hope the marketing firm, who is the expert in this area, would be able to give guidance on what kinds of upgrades we can look toward. Councilor Truax said he would like to see the Consortium website become the one stop shopping for water information in our basin.

Chair Duggan asked if there was concensus amongst the Consortium Board members to direct Consortium staff to work with the marketing firm on possible additional upgrades to the Consortium website. The Consortium Board members concurred.

Introductions: Chair Duggan apologized for his haste to get the meeting started and recognized that he had forgotten to do introductions. Introductions were done at this time.

Emergency Planning Committee Report: Rebecca Geisen reminded the Consortium Board members that the Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) has been discussing and researching the purchase and utilization of a portable emergency water distribution system. Ms. Geisen noted that two handouts were included in the meeting materials packet, which summarized their visit to SPU. One handout was a summary from their recent trip to garner more information on the emergency portable water distribution system; the other handout outlined a demonstration of the portable water distribution system itself.

Ms. Geisen reported that on February 1, 2007, members of the EPC including Niki Iverson from the City of Hillsboro, Scott Tabor from the City of Gladstone, Marty Wegner from the City of Gresham, Neil Kennedy and Dale Fishback from TVWD and Rebecca went to visit Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to see a demonstration of their portable water distribution system. Ms. Geisen reported that SPU has four full time people who work specifically on emergency management. She said SPU devoted a lot of resources to the acquisition of their emergency portable water distribution system and developing training manuals for the system.

Ms. Geisen gave a PowerPoint presentation on how the emergency portable distribution system works which included a short video demonstration of the system in action. Ms. Geisen advised that in the FY 07-08 Consortium budget and work plan proposal is a recommendation to purchase one of these systems and the development of a Regional Emergency Drinking Water Distribution Plan. This Plan will include identifying distribution points, interim water distribution sources, hauler to move the system and blivets, identify water sources, identify staff and volunteers to operate the system, etc.

Ms. Geisen said she did some research on Lifestraws, which were mentioned at the December Consortium Board meeting. The Lifestraw is a little longer than a toilet paper tube, and about the same diameter. Inside the tube, a series of mechanical screens, carbon particles, and resin beads filter and kill most pathogenic bacteria and microorganisms common in water systems throughout the world. Using a patented material called PuroTech Disinfecting Resin, the filters are rated for 700 liters of water -- approximately one year's use for a single individual. They

require no training to use (just suck) and minimal maintenance (parent company Vestergaard Frandsen recommends periodically blowing the straw clear of water to clean the filters). The Lifestraw is not commercially available in the United States. They are being sold in other parts of the world.

Ms. Geisen reported that Consortium staff prepared an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant proposal for the purchase of three of the emergency portable distribution systems. The grant request was in the amount of \$176,000 and was turned in on February 14, 2007. She noted that the Regional Emergency Managers will prepare investment justification for the region and the State will submit the package to the Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS allocates the grant funds to the State and the Regional Emergency Managers then allocate funding to specific proposals. Ms. Geisen said the Consortium should know by the end of the summer if we are awarded any funding. Ms. Geisen noted that other public work request for UASI grant funding included a mobile 205kW generator for water/wastewater pumping, 7 mobile light plants 10kWgenerator units, 4 variable message sign trailers, 3 portable water distribution systems, and a Gresham fiber optic line connection between Gresham and Portland Traffic Management Center.

Ms. Geisen reported that the EPC has a couple of other activities coming up including a region-wide meeting on interconnections to be held sometime in May or June and a demonstration by the National Guard on potable water resources they can provide. She said a date for the National Guard demonstration is still to be determined.

Ms. Geisen opened the discussion for questions.

Councilor Don Allen asked how much personnel is needed to run the system.

Ms. Geisen noted that one of the great things about this particular system is that it is already being used in nearby areas and SPU has already developed an assembly manual and is currently working on developing a training manual for the system. She advised that the assembly is simple but training of personnel will be needed.

Commissioner Larry Robertson asked why the emergency water supply in the blivets needed to be tested.

Ms. Geisen advised that she could not speak for the State but assumes that the testing is needed in case there is some chance for contamination.

Councilor Forrest Soth asked if National Guard operators are certified water operators.

Ms. Geisen said she assumed so. Larry Fain from City of Newberg commented that the military does not require state certification but believes that they are as well trained as any certified operator.

Councilor Shirley Craddick asked if the UASI grant funding is approved and we dedicate some budget money to the purchase of these systems, what happens next. Ms. Geisen said the Consortium would first order and assemble the systems as well as identify where the units will be stored. In tandem with this effort, we will be working on a comprehensive Regional Emergency Drinking Water Distribution Plan.

Commissioner Randy Shannon asked how many people each of these systems supply. Is three systems just a drop in the bucket.

Ms. Geisen advised that SPU said if they use all six of their systems 24 hours a day, seven days a week, they can provide 600,000 gallons of water a day.

Commissioner Aaron O'Donnell asked if these systems are modular. Can someone buy a system that has only one or two hoses for a smaller water district.

Ms. Geisen advised she did not know if you could buy smaller systems but could talk to the manufacturer.

Councilor Victoria Lowe asked if a subcommittee should be formed to address all of the questions and ideas for these systems.

Chair Duggan said he believes that any questions or ideas regarding these systems could be funneled through the Emergency Planning Committee to the CTC, EC and then on to the Board. Chair Duggan commented that at this time he did not see a need for a subcommittee.

Commissioner Norm King commented that he recently heard of a large emergency exercise, TOPOFF that is going to be happening soon and asked if the Consortium is playing a role in this exercise.

Ms. Geisen reported that the Consortium is not playing a role in the TOPOFF exercise as it is a very large national exercise with no specific emergency water component to it. She said however, many individual water providers have committed to participating in some portions of the exercise. She noted that she believes every member could benefit by observing or evaluating the exercise. Ms. Geisen advised that she would provide more information on TOPOFF at the next Consortium Board meeting.

Election of Vice-Chair and filling an Executive Committee vacancy: Chair Duggan explained that the Board Vice-Chair position is currently vacant due to the departure from the Consortium of Tom Lemons from South Fork Water Board. Chair Duggan noted that the remainder of Mr. Lemons Vice-Chair term needs to be filled until full elections for new Board positions is voted on in June. Chair Duggan asked for nominations for the Consortium Board Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Lew Seagraves nominated Councilor Don Allen for Consortium Board Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Councilor Forrest Soth moved to close nominations.

Commissioner Randy Shannon seconded the motion. Councilor Don Allen was unanimously approved as the interim Consortium Board Vice-Chair (16:0:0)

Lorna Stickel reminded the Board members that in June, the Board will again elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Consortium Board.

Commissioner Randy Shannon announced that he would continue to fill the at-large position on the Executive Committee for Sunrise Water Authority.

Chair Duggan explained that there continues to be a vacant position from Multnomah County on the Executive Committee. Chair Duggan said that the City of Gresham represented by Councilor Shirley Craddick had expressed an interest in filling that vacancy. Commissioner A.P. DiBenedetto moved to approve the City of Gresham to the Executive Committee in the Multnomah County representative position. Commissioner Randy Shannon seconded the motion. The Consortium Board unanimously approved the appointment of the City of Gresham to the Executive Committee in the Multnomah County representative position (16:0:0).

Adoption of the FY 07-08 Work Plan and Budget: Ms. Stickel noted in the meeting materials packet was a budget memorandum that outlined the issues associated with the FY 07/08 Budget and Work Plan. Ms. Stickel reminded the Board members that at the December Board meeting, the Board had a discussion on ideas for future activities of the Consortium and that there was a carryover from last fiscal year as well personnel savings from this fiscal year due to the time it took to hire the conservation Assistant Program Specialist. Ms. Stickel said that as a result of the discussion at the Board level in December as well as subsequent discussions at the CTC and EC level, a FY 07/08 budget and Work Plan proposal has been developed and is being presented to the Board this evening.

Ms. Stickel reported that the CTC and EC is recommending to the Board a budget package that includes a core budget that continues the existing Consortium programs, an increase in the contingency fund to \$10,000 and three add packages. The add packages include:

1. Water Supply Interconnections - Facilitate the development of critical interconnections between providers by:
 - Conducting a workshop to provide a forum for water providers to identify current interconnections, discuss priorities and coordinate (to be completed in the current fiscal year within existing resources);
 - Facilitate the discussion of opportunities for the future role of the Consortium in encouraging, informing and providing decision support tools for water providers to use in areas of identified need, which could include a Consortium and water provider staff driven update of the 2000 Regional Transmission and Storage Strategy. The scope of this task may well be more fully informed by the outcome of the workshop held in the current fiscal year of 2006/07.

2. **Portable Water Distribution Systems** - The Portland region will begin to purchase portable water distribution systems, which will be distributed to the major areas of the region. Staff is pursuing USAI grants to fund the purchase of three systems, however, the Board directed that at least one system could be included in the budget for FY 07/08 in any case. If the Consortium is unsuccessful in getting UASI funding in future years, the Consortium may want to consider funds to purchase additional systems after this next fiscal year, as well as individual water providers who may choose to finance individual systems.
3. The Trade Ally committee and Ecos (our new marketing firm) identified an educational outreach plan which would include a combination of education, promotions and an interactive component that could be implemented and tracked over the next two years. This overall educational ET package will allow us to educate the public on ET, while at the same time provide the necessary tools to engage the user in a simple, interactive application which promotes the RWPC website. The timing for this project is good since efforts are currently underway to rework our website.

Ms. Stickel explained that the total impacts of the CTC and EC budget recommendation would be as follows:

FY 06/07 Budget - The conservation ET program will be partially implemented in the current budget year, requiring reallocating \$8,000 from the personnel savings line item (including overhead reduction) into materials and services. The net result will be a minimum of \$36,000 in carryover available for the next budget year FY 07/08 (we would not know the exact amount of any carryover until the end of this calendar year). This action will require a Board resolution to approve the reallocation of funds for this fiscal year.

FY 07/08 Budget – The Core Budget Matrix totals \$659,620, the add packages total \$91,250 which would result in a total budget of \$750,870. The amount of actual dues collection would be reduced by an estimated carryover of \$99,934, resulting in a ***dues based budget of \$650,936***. This compares to this year’s dues based budget of \$655,794. Also, these add packages could be viewed as one time stand alone costs, or in the case of the portable distribution system, there could be future costs in out years if the systems were to be expanded under the Consortium auspices if grants were not available for purchase of more systems. Ms. Stickel noted that nothing in this budget recommendation commits the Consortium Board to do more in future years.

Ms. Stickel noted that some member’s dues will go down slightly, while other member’s dues will go up slightly. This is due to a proportionality shift in the dues based on the number of retail customer accounts and average daily retail water demand that is reported by each entity.

Ms. Stickel noted that the approval of two action items, the adoption of the FY 07/08 Work Plan and Budget and the resolutions addressing the carryover is needed.

Commissioner A.P. DiBenedetto asked if both action items, the adoption of the FY 07/08 Work Plan and Budget and the carryover resolution can be approved with one motion.

Ms. Stickel advised that they both could be approved together.

Commissioner A.P. DiBenedetto moved to approve the FY 07/08 Work Plan and Budget and the carryover resolutions which allow for a sum of \$8,000 from the Consortium's adopted FY 06/07 Work Plan and Budget be reallocated from the personnel line item to the materials and services line item to implement an ET conservation program and the budget carryover from FY 05/06 in the amount of \$63,934 be allocated to a reduction in dues to be collected for FY 07/08.

Commissioner Ed Truax commented that he believes it is unusual to see a budget with a contingency line item of less than 1 ½ percent. Councilor Truax asked if it would be prudent to increase the contingency line item or does the Consortium have a habit of spending less than we budget therefore not needing more in the contingency line item.

Ms. Stickel said that historically, the Consortium has under expended the overall budget.

Councilor Truax seconded the motion to adopt the FY 07/08 Work Plan and Budget and the carryover resolutions.

The Consortium Board unanimously approved the adoption of the FY 07-08 Work Plan and Budget and the carryover resolutions which allow for a sum of \$8,000 from the Consortium's adopted FY 06/07 Work Plan and Budget be reallocated from the personnel line item to the materials and services line item to implement an ET conservation program and the budget carryover from FY 05/06 in the amount of \$63,934 be allocated to a reduction in dues to be collected for FY 07/08 (16:0:0).

Letter Approval: Chair Duggan advised that he had received a letter from the City of Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden in support of research on the climate change impacts on the Willamette River Basin. Chair Duggan advised that the CTC and EC is recommending that the Consortium Board send a similar letter to Governor Kulongoski to encourage him to consider both leading and developing a program to implement a climate change study on the Willamette Basin. He noted that the letter was included in the meeting materials packet. Chair Duggan commented that the letter does not take a position or demonstrating a view on the issue but simply that a study is necessary. He reiterated that the key point that we are encouraging is for the State to direct the relevant State agencies to fund and implement a climate change study of the Willamette Basin and to work with the Army Corp of Engineers to support such a study.

Chair Duggan noted that also included in the meeting materials packet was a copy of a letter from the Consortium in support of HB 2538, which requires continuing education for licensed landscapers. The sending of this letter was also a recommendation from the CTC and EC.

Ms. Stickel added that in regards to the letter on climate change research, the City of Tualatin and the Tualatin Valley Water District have already sent similar letters.

Commissioner Gordon Faber moved that both recommended letters, one to support research on the climate change impacts on the Willamette Basin and the other in support of HB 2538, which requires continuing education for licensed landscapers, be approved and sent.

Councilor Forrest Soth asked if the Water Resources Department budget for the Community Water Supply Initiative already included this type of study. Councilor Soth commented that he had heard a detailed discussion recently on the support of research on the climate change impacts on the Willamette Basin by Citizen's for Safe Water. He stated that he understood that their intent based on that discussion was that there would be no new water rights issued on the Willamette River and would also prevent discharge/toxic mixing zones or require much more stringent regulations. Councilor Soth noted that he has questions and concerns regarding whether sending a letter of support of climate change research from the Consortium would be misconstrued as support for the Citizen's for Safe Water agenda.

Ms. Stickel reported that the Community Water Supply Initiative, which is in part what she believed Councilor Soth was referring to was proposed originally by the Water Resources Department and was included in the Governor's budget. She noted however, that the initiative does not include any study of climate change for the Willamette Basin. Ms. Stickel advised that the Community Water Supply Initiative is a statewide study, with a one million dollar budget and takes into consideration water supply needs, conservation and other items. Ms. Stickel noted that the Consortium support for a climate change study on the Willamette Basin would be very specific to climate change and in addition to any work done as the result of the Community Water Supply Initiative.

Chair Duggan commented that he knows that Citizen's for Safe Water is also in agreement that a climate change study on the Willamette Basin is needed but he also feels that this information is needed. He said it needs to come from the Water Resources Department and be administered by the State in order to look at it comprehensively. Chair Duggan noted that he feels good numbers are needed and of course, this information may be used by organizations for their own agenda and aspirations. Chair Duggan noted that in the absence of such information, all we have is sound bites.

Councilor Truax commented that this letter of support speaks to doing a study of our basin, which would include not only the Willamette River but also the Sandy River, the Clackamas River etc. Councilor Truax stated that he feels the study would be a good idea.

The Consortium Board moved that both recommended letters, one to support research on the climate change impacts on the Willamette Basin and the other in support of HB 2538, which requires continuing education for licensed landscapers, be approved and sent (15:0:1). Councilor Forrest Soth abstained.

Regional Water Infrastructure Costs and the Metro New Look Program: Councilor Carl Hosticka reminded the Consortium Board members that it is the responsibility of Metro to manage the planning of growth within the Urban Growth Boundary and by implication of that, Metro plans for growth in general throughout the region. Councilor Hosticka reported that over the next thirty years, one million more people will move into the region. Councilor Hosticka said in planning for this growth, Metro has found that simply adding land to the Urban Growth Boundary is not going to solve the issues of growth in the region because much of the land over the past five or six years added to the Urban Growth Boundary is not available for development because there is no infrastructure. He said in many places there is not even a plan for infrastructure. Councilor Hosticka said as the next million people begin to move into the region, Metro is acutely aware that whatever is planned in the way of land use has to be coupled with and perhaps proceed by a plan for providing infrastructure. Councilor Hosticka reported that the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) has begun to look at these issues and has preliminarily decided they would need to know the total cost of infrastructure, what the funding gaps are, and whether there is the possibility for collaborating regionally on how to fund the installation of the infrastructure.

Councilor Hosticka noted that Metro hoped that the Consortium could help Metro determine a number of things including:

- What type of infrastructure do we need to plan for and have in place for these next million people.
- How do we determine cost of infill and higher density development into the current Urban Growth Boundary compared to new growth outside the Urban Growth Boundary.
- What investments would need to be made in the current water systems in order to maintain the system and also accommodate growth.

Councilor Hosticka said Metro is not prepared to make a formal request at this time for this type of analysis information but would like to begin discussing the issues with water providers as you are the experts in your field.

Councilor Shirley Craddick asked for clarification on the request from Metro. Councilor Craddick asked if Metro would be asking for infrastructure information per jurisdiction or as a joint effort from the Consortium as a whole.

Tim O'Brien from Metro responded that Metro would be looking toward the Consortium for guidance in terms of the best way to gather this information.

Ms. Stickel said as water providers we need to involve ourselves in this discussion as much as we can. She said we would much rather participate in the process than react to it after it has been completed.

Councilor Ed Truax commented that he could not imagine that the Consortium would not want to be involved in this conversation. Councilor Truax said if we are going to have a conversation

about what information is needed and how to gather it, we need to figure out how to pay for it as well.

Commissioner Gordon Faber asked what expansion to the Urban Growth Boundary Metro is planning to make over the next 10 years.

Councilor Hosticka said Metro hopes to have rough map of the urban reserves completed by the end of 2007 and by the end of 2008 have those areas refined.

Chair Duggan commented that his understanding of what information is being sought is not to the detail of what size pipes to put where but identifying those areas that will be easiest to serve and to avoid the fatal flaw areas that might be look to for expansion.

Commissioner Randy Shannon commented that there are three key areas to look at with regard to water; source, transmission and treatment.

Chair Duggan commented that tonight's action by the Board would be to direct the Consortium Technical Committee, and Consortium staff to begin to collaborate with Metro on this issue.

Ms. Stickel advised that staff has already begun this process with Metro staff. Ms. Stickel said she has met with Metro staff to begin talking about the infrastructure cost study that Metro has begun. Ms. Stickel commented that we are interested and willing to meet with Metro to assist with this process and would like to see more discussion at the Board level.

Ms. Stickel mentioned that the Consortium would be including an article advertisement in the Outlook '07 section of the Sunday, April 22 Oregonian. Ms. Stickel advised this is a good opportunity to tell people about the value of water and who we are and what we do.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium Board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Regional Water Providers Consortium Board is Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Metro Council Chambers.

Submitted by Patty Burk, Consortium Staff