



**REGIONAL WATER PROVIDERS CONSORTIUM
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of March 9, 2011**

Kevin Hanway from City of Hillsboro called the meeting of the Consortium Technical Committee (CTC) to order at 1:36 p.m. Other CTC members in attendance included Brion Barnett from the City of Beaverton, Tim O'Brien from Metro, Edward Campbell from the City of Portland, John Goodrich from the City of Tigard, Todd Heidgerken from Tualatin Valley Water District, and Jerry Arnold from West Slope Water District.

Others in attendance included Stan VandeBergh from the City of Portland.

Consortium Staff included Lorna Stickel, Rebecca Geisen, Bonny Cushman, and Patty Burk.

Approval of January 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes: The January 12, 2011 Consortium Technical Committee (CTC) meeting minutes were not approved as the CTC did not meet quorum requirements. The January minutes will be held over to the next meeting of the Consortium Technical Committee.

Lorna Stickel introduced Edward Campbell from the City of Portland Water Bureau. Lorna advised that Eddie is the Director of the Resource Protection and Planning Group and has been appointed the new primary CTC representative from Portland. She noted that the Consortium staff is housed in the Resource Protection and Planning Group. Lorna also introduced Stan VandeBergh, Principal Engineer for the Portland Water Bureau who will serve as Portland's alternate CTC representative. CTC members introduced themselves.

Consortium Conservation Committee Report: Lindsey Berman reported that the indoor media campaign ends on Friday, March 11. She noted that she sent out an e-mail to CTC members that contained links to all of the media coverage including the Public Services Announcements (PSA) done by Dave Salesky from KATU, KATU news stories, and radio interviews with KINK and KXL.

Lindsey reported that to date 160 water saving conservation kits have been mailed out as part of the seven week conservation device promotional giveaway. She noted that there are three weeks left of the giveaway.

Lindsey noted that the Consortium held a water wise workshop this morning. Approximately 50 landscape designers, landscape contractors, and irrigation contractors attended the workshop and received three continuing education units (CEUs) for attending. Lindsey advised that the Consortium will again be partnering with Portland General Electric (PGE) this year in four water/energy workshops.

Lindsey reported that the Consortium again sponsored a booth at the Yard Garden and Patio show. She advised that 6,000 people stopped by the booth.

Lindsey reminded the CTC members that this year the Consortium went out to bid for a new K-2nd grade water conservation school assembly program. The Consortium Conservation Committee (CCC) selected MudEye Puppets for the program. Lindsey advised that she recently found out that MudEye Puppets has folded and will be unable to fulfill the contract. Lindsey said the CCC Youth Education Committee did not feel the other candidates that submitted a proposal were capable of managing the contract. As a result, Lindsey advised that the CCC Youth Education Committee is recommending redirecting the funds to purchase educational messaging spots on Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) during three selected young kids programs. Lindsey explained that with OPB you can not do any “call to action” advertising but rather the plan is to direct young children and their parents to the kid’s page of the Consortium’s website. Lindsey noted that the CCC would like to pilot this idea for a year to gauge its effectiveness. She said the full CCC is in unanimous support of the new direction and are looking to the CTC for their approval.

Rebecca Geisen asked if Mad Science has a K-2nd grade assembly program.

Lindsey advised that she had preliminary discussion with Mad Science about their ability to develop a K-2nd program but that the CCC Youth Education Committee and the full CCC wanted to pilot this new direction. Lindsey noted that the City of Portland Water Bureau is going out to bid next spring for a new school program and if they are successful in finding a new company, the CCC could go back to a K- 2nd grade school program again.

The CTC approved the CCC recommendation to redirect the funds allocated to a K-2nd grade school assembly program to purchase educational messaging spots on OPB.

Emergency Planning Committee Report: Rebecca Geisen reported that the Emergency Planning Committee (EPC) is in the process of planning two exercises. The first is a table top exercise using the Regional Interconnections Study and geodatabase. A sub-committee was formed with Consortium Technical Committee and Emergency Planning Committee members to plan and execute the exercise. She advised that they are working on developing the scenario that will likely focus on the Clackamas system. She noted that the exercise will take place in May or early June.

Rebecca asked CTC members if there were any dates in May and June that should be avoided. She advised that she knew of the Pacific Northwest Section AWWA conference in early May and the full AWWA conference in mid June. Other dates to avoid that were mentioned were Water Works School – June 21 to June 23, a Washington County exercise the first week in May, and the

American Water Resource Association (AWRA) Water Conference – May 24 – 25 at Oregon State University.

Rebecca mentioned that the exercise will likely take place at the City of Lake Oswego. Rebecca noted that directly following the CTC meeting she was meeting with Brian Ginter from Murray, Smith and Associates (MSA) to learn how to use the geodatabase if anyone was interested in seeing it in action.

Rebecca said the second exercise involves the Emergency Water Distribution Systems (EWDS). She advised that the Consortium will be partnering with the City of Sherwood's exercise they've planned for the fall. Rebecca advised that a specific date for the exercise has not yet been determined.

Rebecca reported that the EPC met on February 15. The February meeting focused on learning more about the different types of portable water treatment system that are available. She noted that Lake Oswego has an \$115,000 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant to purchase a system. A vendor gave a presentation on their product at the meeting. Rebecca advised that the February EPC meeting summary and vendor presentation was included in the meeting materials packet.

Rebecca concluded that she received comments for the update of the Emergency Water Distribution Plan and is currently incorporating them in the Plan.

Data Sharing Agreement & Protocol: Rebecca reminded CTC members that in December 2010 the Regional Water Providers Consortium completed the *Regional Water System Interconnections and Evaluation Project* which included the development of an ArcGIS geodatabase of all existing water system facilities and interconnections in the region. She advised that the geodatabase tool can be used by individual water providers help identify pathways for routing water in an emergency, identify system vulnerabilities and develop emergency operational strategies as well as for general and CIP planning purposes. Due to the sensitive nature of the information contained in the geodatabase, a data sharing agreement is being developed to enable water providers to share confidential information with the confidence that it will be protected from public disclosure.

Rebecca pointed out that provided in the meeting materials packet is a draft agreement. Rebecca advised that Ruth Spetter, City of Portland Attorney, reviewed and revised the agreement. CTC members reviewed the draft and provided their comments and feedback. Rebecca asked CTC members to send any additional comments to her for inclusion in the agreement.

Rebecca advised that she would revise the agreement as discussed and send it out for a final review with the hopes of having the CTC approve it at their April meeting.

Boring Water District #24: Lorna advised that Consortium staff recently received a letter from Boring Water District #24 asking to continue their Ex-Officio status for the FY 2011/12 budget year. She noted originally when she talked with Boring staff they had indicated that they would not be coming back to the Consortium but appears they have changed their mind. Lorna advised that

the Consortium Board will need to consider Boring's request for Ex-Officio status at their May Consortium Board meeting.

Integrated Water Resource Strategy(IRWS) Follow-Up Discussion: Lorna reminded CTC members that at the February Consortium Board meeting, Commissioner John Jackson, Chair of the Water Resources Commission (WRC) and Dr. Brenda Bateman, Senior Policy Coordinator from the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) attended the meeting to update the Board on the State Integrated Water Resource Strategy (IWRS).

Lorna reminded CTC members that in the beginning of the IWRS process, several WRC Commissioners wrote issue papers to tell the story of the status of water in Oregon today. She noted that those issue papers were put out for public comment to ensure that all issues or critical topics are addressed and adequately described. Lorna advised that the comment period has passed but that she responded to two of the issue papers. She said in the Culture, Community and Water issue paper language was included in the background section that discussed water needs versus water demand. She noted the terms are not defined nor are they that different. She advised she recommended these terms need to be removed from the issue paper or be defined. Lorna noted that she also commented on the Climate Change paper as well.

Todd Heidgerken noted that TVWD did not have any comments on the most recent version of the issue papers as much of their comments and feedback were incorporated early on in the process.

Lorna stated that the work on the IWRS by the OWRD Policy Advisory Group of which she and Todd are members will be slowing down. They will not meet again until July after the legislative session is completed. Lorna shared with the CTC members a list of guiding principals developed by OWRD staff with regard to the development of the IWRS. Also included in the meeting materials packet was a list of possible recommended actions. Lorna asked CTC members to review the handouts and to provide comments to her. She advised that she would pass any feedback on to OWRD staff and the Policy Advisory Group. Lorna noted that also included in the meeting materials packet was the February 17, 2011 OWRD Staff report on the IRWS.

State and Local Updates: John Goodrich mentioned that at today's Water Managers meeting, managers discussed Chromium six and how to best provide information to the public on the subject. Both the City of Portland and the Joint Water Commission are working on developing messaging and strategies by which that message is sent out to the public.

Lorna noted that provided in the meeting materials packet was an article "Metro Vancouver turned on to tap water, survey finds". She advised that the article somewhat relates to the Consortium's recent discussions on broadening Consortium messaging. Lorna reported that she believes that the messaging discussion should begin at the CTC level. She said she plans to have a messaging discussion at the April CTC meeting. It was decided that Consortium staff would develop a set of questions for CTC members to consider that will help "prime the pump" for the messaging discussion.

Kevin Hanway mentioned that he attended his first Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) meeting. He noted that meeting was spent discussing the revision of the MTAC by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m. The next meeting of the Consortium Technical Committee is April 7, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Portland Building, 5th floor, Bull Run Conference Room.

Submitted by Patty Burk, Consortium Staff