

WLSD Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2014 @ 3:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attending: Ray Turri, Bob Goldfeld, Chip Roraback, Charlie Ekstrom, Richard Reis, Lou Friedrich and Ken Green of WLSD; David Prickett and Jay Sheehan of Woodard & Curran; John Wertam and Bruce Chudwick of Shipman & Goodwin; and WLPOA liaison Frank Gomes.

1. DEEP's April 10, 2014 Response to WLSD Facilities Plan Update Recommendations

David Prickett and John Wertam led the Committee through a discussion of DEEP's response to our Preliminary Summary Report dated July 2013 and Groundwater Disposal Investigation Report dated October 2013. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed the next step would be to request a meeting with DEEP officials to discuss the key hydrology issues before proceeding further. John Wertam will contact DEEP to arrange a meeting and preparation for WLSD's brief for the meeting will be led by John and Dave.

2. Discussion of I/I and SCADA Project Funding

The Committee discussed the status of the Rural Development (RD) funding for the I/I and SCADA projects and agreed we should continue with discussions to obtain RD funding commitments for these projects. The Committee also agreed for Dave Prickett to indicate to RD that WLSD was interested in future funding for its upcoming long term projects.

3. RD and Clean Water Fund (CWF) Financing Packages

The Committee discussed the financing packages that RD and CWF could provide to WLSD for its long term projects and how the programs can work together. There was agreement that there are attractive financing alternatives available through these sources that should be pursued further. While it is possible to get grant money from both RD and CWF on the same project, it was agreed that we should prudently plan for a maximum of 45%.

4. WLSD Taxpayer Funding

The Committee discussed how the decision will be made on taxpayer funding of the RD loan for the I/I and SCADA projects and it was agreed that the decision will be made by the WLSD Board. The decision on taxpayer funding of loans for the long term project will be determined at a future date.

5. Next Meeting

The WLSD Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. The date for the next Planning Committee meeting will be set once further work is done to prepare for the proposed meeting with DEEP officials to discuss their April 10 letter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Green, Chairman
April 24, 2014