

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Information Summary

October 22, 2009

Subject

CAWCD ADD Water Process

Policy Statement

The Management Board will be updated on the ADD Water Process and invited to give guidance on key issues.

Summary

The CAWCD ADD Water process is focusing on the question: “Assuming CAWCD is to be the primary entity that acquires, develops, and delivers new water supplies for its three-county service area, how should the water be shared and paid for?” A stakeholders’ working group, comprised of approximately 100 participants, met several times over the past year to discuss various aspects of an ADD Water program. During the spring and early summer, eight small working groups met to generate alternative proposals addressing several issues, including governance, financing, and the sharing of ADD Water supplies. Additionally, AMWUA developed a separate alternative in conjunction with the City of Tucson. The law firm of Fennemore Craig also developed an alternative on behalf of developers. At meetings on September 10 and 11, 2009, stakeholders attempted to find as much common ground as possible. A series of follow-up meetings (labeled the “Hammer-it-out-group” or HIOG) has been initiated to discuss whether consensus is achievable on the general structure of an ADD Water program.

Prior Committee Action

In April 2006, the AMWUA Board of Directors adopted the “Conceptual Framework for the ‘Next Bucket.’” This policy statement has been used as the direction to be followed in subsequent discussions of new water supply development.

In February 2008, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) began its stakeholder participation process. Updates on the process have been included as part of the Management Board and Board of Directors agendas since the initiation of the process.

In February 2009, the Management Board and Board of Directors were asked to provide guidance on the “Potential Table of ADD Water Elements” and direction regarding discussions in the ADD Water stakeholder process.

In March 2009, staff updated the Management Board and Board of Directors on the ADD Water process.

In April 2009, the Management Board and the Board of Directors discussed key assumptions being used in the ADD Water process.

In May 2009, the Management Board and the Board of Directors discussed “Project ADD Water: Expanded Canal Capacity Alternative” dated April 29, 2009. The focus of discussion was on providing guidance regarding: 1) Governance; 2) Participation; and 3) Master Planning.

In September 2009, the Management Board and the Board of Directors discussed a summary of alternatives compiled from the Add Water stakeholders’ process.

The Project ADD Water was discussed at the Joint AMWUA/CAWCD Board meeting on September 30, 2009.

Recommendation

This is an information and discussion item. Board discussion will provide guidance as AMWUA and member staffs continue to participate in the ADD Water process.

Attachments

There are no attachments.