

MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2018

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kevin Artz, Avondale, Chairman
Mr. John Knudson, Chandler, Vice Chairman
Ms. Gretchen Baumgardner for Ms. Holly Rosenthal, Tempe
Mr. David Burks, Peoria
Ms. Cynthia Campbell for Ms. Karen Peters, Phoenix
Mr. Craig Johnson, Glendale
Ms. Jessica Marlow, Gilbert
Mr. Kevin Rose for Mr. Brian Biesemeyer, Scottsdale
Mr. Javier Setovich, Goodyear
Mr. Jake West, Mesa

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick J. Adams, AMWUA	Pat Kossan, AMWUA
Anthony Beckham, SRP	Laura Magnus, The Aarons Co.
Jessica Blazina, Avondale	Stuart Peckham, SRP
Gregg Capps, Chandler	Diana Piña, AMWUA
Brian Draper, Mesa	Kathy Rall, Scottsdale
Alan Dulaney, Peoria	Tony Staffaroni, CAP
Kathy Ferris, AMWUA via phone	Drew Swieczkowski, Glendale
Brett Fleck, AMWUA	Warren Tenney, AMWUA
Lacey James, Avondale	Carol Ward-Morris, AMWUA
Sam Jaskolski, AMWUA	

A. Call to Order

Mr. Artz called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. General Business – Items for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of the Minutes from the August 8, 2018 Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Johnson and a second by Mr. West, the AMWUA Management Board unanimously approved the August 8, 2018 meeting minutes.

2. Next meeting scheduled: Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m., in the AMWUA office

Upon a motion by Mr. Setovich and a second by Mr. Rose, the AMWUA Management Board unanimously scheduled the next AMWUA Management Board meeting for Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the AMWUA office.

3. Status of Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan and DCP Steering Committee

Mr. Tenney reported that the AMWUA Board of Directors voted to send a letter to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) and the Central Arizona Project (CAP) regarding the exclusion of AMWUA from the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) Steering Committee.

Mr. Tenney reviewed a presentation on the current status of the Lower Basin DCP. He discussed that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's August 24-Month Study projected no shortage declaration in 2019, though there was increased probability of shortage that would impact municipalities in 2020.

Mr. Tenney stated that the DCP Steering Committee has held three meetings to date and the fourth meeting will be held tomorrow. He said the Steering Committee has formed two working groups: CAP Ag Mitigation Working Group and Tribal Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Working Group.

Mr. Tenney reviewed graphics showing the cuts to the priority pools under the 2007 Interim Shortage Sharing Guidelines in comparison to the cuts under the Lower Basin DCP. He then discussed potential framework to use tools including Lake Pleasant, existing and anticipated CAP ICS, compensated system conservation, Tribal ICS, underground storage facility (USF) to groundwater savings facility (GSF), and groundwater and infrastructure development.

Mr. Setovich stated that the City of Goodyear voiced an opinion on some of those tools and brought up the idea of using groundwater because Ag will not have surface water available in the future. He said there were some positive responses from the group, so the next step is for the team to conceptualize what that solution would look like.

Ms. Campbell discussed legal issues surrounding compensated system conservation and CAP priority pools.

Mr. Tenney reviewed Ag mitigation framework questions including: full vs. partial mitigation, mitigation volumes, fixed vs. annual, and commitments for water and funding. He then shared a graphic comparing straight priority cuts and reductions and mitigation under implementing the Lower Basin DCP in Arizona. Mr. Tenney shared thoughts on Ag mitigation and asked the AMWUA Management Board for their feedback.

Mr. Setovich agreed with Mr. Tenney that if the right tools are implemented, Ag mitigation would be feasible. Mr. Setovich said if we focus on Ag mitigation only, there could be a solution ahead of us, but going beyond that would be very difficult to find a solution that involves city contributions.

Mr. Tenney asked if any of the AMWUA Management Board members believe ICS or existing CAP ICS should be considered as a tool for Ag mitigation. The AMWUA Management Board members discussed issues and questions surrounding ICS. There was general sentiment among the AMWUA members of not being supportive of using CAP ICS as an Ag mitigation tool.

Mr. Tenney asked for feedback on potentially discussing Ag mitigation in second tier shortage. With no responses, Mr. Tenney stated that AMWUA would emphasize addressing first tier shortage and that going beyond that would be problematic. There were no disagreements.

4. Avondale and Phoenix Storage, Recovery & Exchange Agreement and Treatment & Delivery Agreement

Ms. James and Ms. Campbell co-presented on the two intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) between the City of Avondale and the City of Phoenix. They explained that these IGAs demonstrate regional water solutions that enhance each other's water systems by providing Phoenix a way to store more of its water and Avondale another way to put its Colorado River to use.

Ms. Baumgardner commended the efforts and asked if the IGA details communication between the two cities regarding the interconnect and peaking or stresses on the distribution systems. Ms. James said communication between the two cities' operations was one of the most important things that they looked at.

Mr. Tenney commented that throughout AMWUA's history there have been many positive partnerships between the Association's members and this is another great example of that collaboration.

C. Management Board Members' Updates

There were no member updates shared.

D. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Tenney stated that Ms. Joanne Toms, City of Glendale, and Ms. Leeann Yacuel, Salt River Project (SRP), will be presenting on the collaborative effort between AMWUA and SRP in 2017 to provide and organize commercial facility water audit training at three valley resorts for AMWUA conservation staffs at the 2018 WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exhibition.

He said the presentation will also include the recommended actions from the audits and potential water and money savings for the resorts if the recommended actions are taken.

Mr. Tenney reported that AMWUA will be an agency sponsor of the 2018 WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exhibition, an event which draws more than 1,000 participants across the country and 21 foreign nations.

Mr. Tenney introduced Patrick Adams, AMWUA's new water policy analyst.

E. Future Agenda Items

There were no requests for future agenda items.

F. Adjournment

With no further items to discuss, upon a motion by Mr. Johnson and a second by Mr. Burks, Mr. Artz unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.