



- Brief history of ABD-IRWM planning process to today

Jerry Rolwing noted that the ABD-IRWM's planning grant application had been rejected by DWR. DWR suggested we seek a facilitator and technical assistance, resulting in DWR handling the website mapping and Ms. Schafer joining us today.

- ABD-IRWM planning work that is yet to be done and why it is important for the region, the Valley, and the District and its ratepayers

President Hart pointed out that IRWM planning is important to our region because of our remote location. It is difficult to find partners. Ms. Schafer emphasized the value of commitment, goals and documentation memorializing a legitimate stakeholder process.

- Convincing stakeholders to participate in planning process and to be on board of plan implementation

Ms. Schafer suggested participation on behalf of the State Park, agriculture and the golf courses. From the plan submitted by ABD-IRWM, she did not see much participation by the stakeholders. Mr. Rolwing suggested inviting County Flood Control and Parks and Recreation. Director Lyle Brecht pointed out that Canebrake County Water District had participated initially, but had a long commute and eventually felt they weren't really part of the process. Ms. Schafer suggested rotating meeting locations, and Mr. Rolwing added that teleconferencing is an option.

Discussion followed regarding the need for more stakeholders and how to identify and attract them. Ms. Schafer expressed a desire to speak with potential participants individually, particularly Canebrake, the State Park, and representatives from agriculture and the golf community. Director Shimeall pointed out the need to get residents involved.

- Governance and decision making process

Mr. Taghavi explained that the IRWM process is not a "one size fits all" proposition. Different problems and solutions fit different areas. Ms. Schafer likened her current efforts to a feasibility study. Is it feasible for DWR to continue to provide facilitation and technical support to the ABD-IRWM? Director Lyle Brecht emphasized the need for consulting and planning for clear governance standards, processes and decision-making. Ms. Schafer noted that in Imperial County, a water forum was established including all players, both community organizations and public agencies. Then subcommittees were established based on individual interests. A charter identifies participants and the decision-making process, and each stakeholder has one vote. Interested parties who don't represent a group can participate, but don't vote. In Coachella, there is a partnership comprised of three water districts and two cities, then a stakeholder group which includes Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), tribes and others.

- Paying for planning process: applying for planning grant; applying for plan implementation grant

These issues were touched upon during discussion of the purpose of the IRWM program.

- Developing plan as part of public process

Director Estep recommended drafting an MOU which would include BWD, Anza, the State Park, Shelter Valley and Canebrake as partners. Agriculture and the golf courses would be stakeholders. Mr. Rolwing had a copy of Coachella's MOU, and Director Lyle Brecht suggested starting with that as a format.

- Updating the District's 2002 Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) making certain all plans are aligned and have compatible objectives
- Need for some technical assistance in order to successfully compete for DWR money
- Some planning objectives beginning in September 2011
- Some near-term decisions for the BWD Board going forward

These items were continued for discussion at a future meeting.

**President Hart declared a recess at 10:45 a.m., and the Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m.**

**B.** Discussion and possible action of Dynamic Engineering proposal for STAG grant tasks A2 & C: Mr. Rolwing summarized the \$266,000 STAG grant, which was obtained to study options for importing water. To date we have completed tasks A1, D and H2, design of pipelines from our system to 78 and from the airport to Clark Lake, and design of the Wilcox Reservoir. We have recovered \$135,000 of the \$400,000 spent. Task A2 is a higher level reconnaissance of pipeline avoidances from Borrego Springs Road to Highway 78 to Alegretti Farms (identifying easements, utilities and constraints), and Task C would continue from Alegretti Farms along the power line easement to El Centro. If we don't complete the project, we will lose the balance of the approved grant funds and maybe even have to repay what we have already received. *MSC: L.Brecht/Estep approving the proposal of Dynamic Engineering to complete STAG grant Tasks A2 and C at a cost of \$40,000.*

### **III. CLOSING PROCEDURE**

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for July 27, 2011 at the Borrego Water District.