



Technical Customer Advisory Committee

ACTION SUMMARY

May 7, 2015

Members Present:

Cassandra D'Antonio
David Brookshire
Amy Ewing
Laurie Firor
Wayne Frye
David Ritchey

Members Excused:

Will Gleason
Moises Gonzales

Water Authority Staff / Others Present:

Frank Roth, Senior Policy Manager
John Stomp, Chief Operations Officer
Katherine Yuhas, Water Conservation Officer
David Jordan, INTERA Inc.
Greg Gates, CH2M
F. Lee Brown, UNM Professor Emeritus of Economics and Public Administration

Item 1 – Call to Order - Note presence of quorum

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chair Amy Ewing.

Item 2 – Approval of Agenda

Laurie Firor made a motion to approve the agenda. David Brookshire seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

For: 4 Brookshire, D'Antonio, Ewing, Firor
Against: 0
Excused: 4 Frye, Gleason, Gonzales, Ritchey

Item 3 – Approval of April 9, 2015 Action Summary

Laurie Firor made a motion to approve the action summary. Cassandra D’Antonio seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

For: 4 Brookshire, D’Antonio, Ewing, Firor
Against: 0
Excused: 4 Frye, Gleason, Gonzales, Ritchey

Wayne Frye entered the meeting at this time.

Item 4 – Recommendation on Proposed Water Conservation Program Resolutions

Katherine Yuhas provided an overview of two resolutions changing components of the Water Conservation program. The first resolution would authorize a two-year pilot educational component as an alternative to water waste fines. Yuhas explained that the education component could be more effective in reducing water waste. This program change was highly supported during the FY14 Customer Conversation meetings. The second resolution would amend the water conservation program to expand the TreeBate program. A \$100 rebate would be provided for the purchase of a new xeriscape tree. This rebate was also highly supported during the FY14 Customer Conversation meetings. Many older trees are not drought-tolerant and there has been a recent reduction in Albuquerque’s tree canopy. This program change would promote the planting of new xeriscape trees to help reduce heat, increase cooling, remove carbon and air pollution and cut energy use.

David Brookshire made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing a two year education component to the water waste program. Laurie Firor seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

For: 5 Brookshire, D’Antonio, Ewing, Firor Frye
Against: 0
Excused: 3 Gleason, Gonzales, Ritchey

Wayne Frye made a motion to approve the resolution to expand the TreeBate program. Laurie Firor seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

For: 5 Brookshire, D’Antonio, Ewing, Firor Frye
Against: 0
Excused: 3 Gleason, Gonzales, Ritchey

David Ritchey entered the meeting at this time.

Item 5 – Water Resources Management Strategy Scenario Planning

John Stomp provided an overview of the work plan and schedule for the TCAC on updating the Strategy. TCAC members agreed with plan and schedule for the remaining meetings of calendar year 2015. David Jordan reviewed the demand and supply components of the scenario-based planning process. Lee Brown reviewed the 1996 Value of Water Study and his work to update this report to support the Strategy update. Jordan discussed the two subdivisions of the groundwater

reserve which are the safety and working reserve. At the June meeting, Brown will discuss the economic values of the safety and working reserves. Jordan also provided an overview of the decision analysis process and how the TCAC will assist in reviewing the criteria. He discussed the qualitative and quantitative components of the evaluation and ranking decision analysis.

Item 6 – Public Comment

Elaine Hebard was present and provided comments on the agenda items. Others present included Paul Karas and Norm Gaume.

Item 7 – Final Comments or Questions

TCAC members requested changing the meetings dates for the June and July meetings. Frank Roth will poll TCAC members to determine the best dates for the rescheduled meetings.

Item 8 – Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 5:45 pm.