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Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Executive Committee
Des Moines Water Works Planning Conference Room
April 17, 2013
3:00 p.m.

Present: E.J. Giovannetti, Amy Kahler, Linda Kinman, David Lindeman, Jim McKenna, Louise Moon

Draft DMWW Water Shortage Plan

Amy Kahler reviewed DMWW's draft Water Shortage Plan. The plan was summarized as a 5-stage progression that would be implemented when daily demand exceeds a certain percentage of the capacity available in DMWW's system to produce safe drinking water. This "current capacity" is defined as the amount of water DMWW can produce on any given day taking into consideration raw water availability and quality, seasonal treatment considerations, and any mechanical or operational issues. Current capacity will be evaluated on a daily basis during times of the year when there is potential for a water shortage.

Stage 1 – voluntary, 25% reduction in turf irrigation, no enforcement

Stage 2 – voluntary, 50% reduction in outdoor water use, no enforcement

Stage 3 – mandatory, turf irrigation and outdoor irrigation systems prohibited, termination of water service where DMWW observes non-compliance

Stage 4 – mandatory, water rationing to non-peak levels (approx. 40 MGD), water shortage rate structure will be implemented to apply to customers' consumption in excess of a non-peak (winter) baseline consumption

Stage 5 – emergency (e.g., natural disasters, terrorism, catastrophic loss of a treatment plan, etc.), reduction in demand to the lowest level which will meet public health and safety standards, temporary emergency rules may apply

Although the plan pertains to retail customers and not DMWW's wholesale customers, it is important for the water shortage plan to be supported by CIRDWC members in order to be effective, as much of the irrigation load originates outside the City of Des Moines.

Legislative Update

Linda Kinman provided a legislative update pertinent to water systems. The IDNR bill passed both the House and Senate. This bill covers four topics:

1. Add notice exemptions for General Permit #2 (stormwater).
2. Updates the list of allowable aquatic pesticides.
3. Allows water permit applicant to request extension of the 90 day permit renewal requirement.

4. Allow subsidization (SRF) for an onsite septic system within a city (primary target – unsewered communities). This does not preclude the mandatory requirement to hook up if public sewer system is near. And, remove report to general assembly.

2013/2014 Budget

Amy Kahler distributed a proposed budget for 2013-2014. It includes member dues of \$3,967, which are proposed to be unchanged from previous years. The budget also includes \$750 in expenses for legal and accounting related activities. The June 30, 2014 end of year fund balance is projected to be \$13,299.24. While no specific need for the funds have yet been identified, the Executive Committee discussed the need for continuing to collect dues in order to build the fund to a level able to sustain potential watershed activities and/or grant opportunities.

April Meeting Agenda

The Committee discussed possible agenda items and finalized the April agenda.\

Open

As a follow up to the January CIRDWC meeting, Amy Kahler distributed a draft press release that can be issued by CIRDWC related to the water shortage. It was decided to discuss further at the April CIRDWC meeting in conjunction with the water shortage plan.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.