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Meeting
CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION
Technical Advisory Committee
West Des Moines Water Works A.C. Ward Treatment Plant
February 18, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Present

The following attendees were present:

Tim Hoskins (Norwalk), Seth Zrucky (Norwalk), Karen Oppelt (Altoona), Paul Moritz (Ankeny), John Gibson (Waukee), Nathan Casey (DMWW), Ted Corrigan (DMWW), Amy Kahler (DMWW), Dale Acheson (Urbandale Water Utility), Randy Beavers (Warren Water District), Diana Wilson (WDMWW), Shane Kinsey (Johnston).

Members of the public in attendance: Bethany Wilcoxon (Capital Crossroads) and Heath Picken (HR Green).

DMWW Long Range Plan RFP Update

A Request for Proposal (RFP) has recently been issued for the completion of a long-range plan for Des Moines Water Works' Core Network through 2040. The long-range plan will be funded solely by Des Moines Water Works and will cover source water, water treatment, and water distribution (up to consecutive systems' connections to DMWW) for the Core Network. Nathan Casey, DMWW, provided an overview of the Professional Services Requirements (attached).

The RFP is available and accessible online to any interested firm at www.dmww.com under Bids & RFPs in the upper right corner of the homepage. Proposals are due to Des Moines Water Works by March 10, 2016, and board approval for the selected firm will be requested at the March 22, 2016 DMWW Board of Trustees meeting. A draft report from the selected consultant will be due to Des Moines Water Works by December 1, 2016, and the consultant will present their recommendations to the Technical Advisory Committee in December 2016 or January 2017. The final report will be issued in February 2017.

Lead Service Lines/Lead In Drinking Water

In light of the unfortunate situation in Flint, MI, Ted Corrigan reported Des Moines Water Works is preparing to communicate and educate customers on lead exposure and risks. An FAQ has been developed and is available at www.dmww.com as a rotating feature.

Ted reported DMWW has approximately 12,000 lead service lines (identified as ½" taps), which have been plotted on a map. For the neighborhoods most impacted, the intent is to work through the

neighborhood association groups to educate customers. DMWW will also be offering free lead sampling for any DMWW customers who have ½" taps (or pre 1950). Ted reported the DNR has indicated any customer samples must be reported as "special samples" but will not be used for compliance reporting. Diana Wilson asked if DMWW would test non-Des Moines samples, and Ted responded that DMWW offers testing at \$18 per test for both lead and copper. After some discussion, it appears the issue of lead service lines is isolated to the Des Moines System, as other Technical Advisory participants indicated they do not believe they have lead lines in their system.

Des Moines Water Works Board Activities for February

Ted Corrigan reviewed the Des Moines Water Works Board of Trustees agenda for the upcoming February meeting:

- Award a Water System Improvement (WSI) project for unincorporated Polk County customers, replacing 2" & 4" mains. Ted reported contract pricing is up.
- Establish public hearing for Des Moines WSI project,
- Receive and file the 5-year CIP (discussed at January's Technical Advisory Committee).

Ted provided an overview of a main break on a 36" feeder main break located in Water Works Park. This will be repaired by next week. Amy Kahler reviewed DMWW's utility goals for 2016 as an informational item.

Diana Wilson advised the group of a new state program, Safe at Home, that affects how customers are identified in utility billing records. Amy Kahler will research this program and communicate findings to the group.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be March 17, 2016 at Des Moines Water Works.

Assignments

No assignments were given.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.