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**Meeting**  
**CENTRAL IOWA REGIONAL DRINKING WATER COMMISSION**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Des Moines Water Works**  
**November 29, 2016**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**Present:** David Lindeman, Jim McKenna, Karen Novak-Swalwell, John McCune, E.J. Giovannetti, Shane Kinsey, Vern Wiley, Jennifer Terry, Amy Kahler, Ted Corrigan.

Public: Don Peterson

**Technical Advisory Committee Update**

Ted Corrigan reported the Technical Advisory committee has met three times since the last Executive Committee meeting. The focus of the Technical Advisory Committee meetings has been to update the group on HDR's work on DMWW's Long Range Plan; however, each meeting has also included an update from Urbandale Water Utility on their plans to construct a new water treatment plant, and an update from West Des Moines Water Works and/or Waukee on their shared project to evaluate new source water. Additionally, in October, DMWW shared a summary of their capital expenditures over the last 10 years.

In terms of the Long Range Planning effort, DMWW has received several technical memos from HDR, including:

- Population and Demand
- Source Water
- Treatment
- Distribution and Modeling

Mr. Corrigan reported DMWW had recently received a summary of several proposed or possible options for source water, treatment and distribution to meet projected demands through 2040. DMWW will meet with HDR to selection an option that be further evaluated and costed.

DMWW hopes to have the completed and proposed schedule with demand triggers that will serve as a basis for the final report and a road map for meeting the region's future water demand.

**Budget Discussion Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018**

Amy Kahler distributed draft financial statements and dues projections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Ms. Kahler noted CIRDDWC is having this budget discussion earlier than in year's past in order to better align the dues and contributions requests with the cities' budget processes, allowing members to better plan for dues and contribution requests. The CIRDDWC Executive Committee recommends carrying forward a \$50,000 line item for consultants' fees to the 2017-2018 fiscal year to allow for additional evaluation of regionalization. This line item can be covered by the existing fund balance, and it is not expected that CIRDDWC will request additional member contributions beyond customary annual dues, which are calculated at \$100 + \$0.01 per account for each member.

**Set Agenda for CIRDDWC Meeting**

The group identified agenda items for the July meeting agenda. Additionally, speakers for future meetings were suggested, including: legislators to provide a legislative update, Rathbun Regional Group, Jeff Zogg (NOAA), Larry Weber (University of Iowa IHR - Hydroscience & Engineering), and others.

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Jennifer Terry provided a policy and legislative update. She reported three areas of likely focus for the Legislature in 2017 would be 1) water quality, 2) elimination of 6% sales tax on metered water, replaced with a 6% excise tax that would raise about \$28 million per year for water quality efforts, and 3) another form of the Governor's proposed SAVE legislation or a push for passage of the 3/8 cent sales tax increase to support the Natural Resources Trust Fund. Ms. Terry also reported that legislative priorities for DMWW in 2017 will be to 1) develop sustained funding for water quality that includes timelines, benchmarks to measure progress and water quality monitoring with public access to data, 2) develop oversight responsibilities for drainage districts, and 3) creating a "super watershed authority" covering the entire Raccoon River Watershed, including smaller watershed management authorities within.

It was suggested that CIRDWC request to speak at the (mayoral) MIALG group to create awareness about CIRDWC and the work already done by the Commission. Amy Kahler will follow up with MIALG representatives to coordinate the request.

Amy Kahler reported that development of the new website continues. She is currently migrating content from the existing site to the new site. The new website will be presented to CIRDWC at the January meeting prior to rolling it out in the live environment.

David Lindeman reported the Nominating Committee to nominate 2017 officers still needs to meet.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.