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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in the Goldstream Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 479 Island Highway

PRESENT: B. Wilkes (C), J. Coward, M. Doehnel, E. Dyck, Mark Kierstead (for M. Gingras), R. Henderson, M. Lougher-Goodey, G. Orr, B. Proud, J. Rogers, F. Schulz
Staff: J. Hull, D. Walker, L. Siemens (Recorder)

ABSENT: M. Hall, E. Loring-Kuhanga, D. Spinner, L. Waters

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by R. Henderson, **SECONDED** by J. Rogers
that the Water Advisory Committee approve the agenda distributed.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 5, 2011

MOVED by J. Rogers, **SECONDED** by R. Henderson
that the Water Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held April 5, 2011.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2011 MEETING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the April 5, 2011 meeting.

4. REVIEW OF TASK/ACTION ITEMS

An updated Task List is attached.

Chair Wilkes requested that after items are completed from the task list, that they be removed from the list rather than marked (✓ Done)

Chair Wilkes advised that he would contact K. Reilly for an update on his assigned tasks.

MOVED by M. Doehnel, **SECONDED** by R. Henderson
to re-state their position to the Regional Water Supply Commission to encourage all the municipalities to go down the route of cubic meters.

CARRIED

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked as follows:

- The meetings should be structured so that the most important items are first on the agenda and leave the least important issues to the end. He noted that he may revise the agenda for future meetings to reflect that approach. Examples were for staff to provide technical reports as written reports and move roundtable discussion near the beginning of the meeting.
- Work plan presentations should be brought back into focus, including one public forum per year and messaging to the public on the real value and true cost of water.
- Reminder of watershed tours being conducted during the week.

6. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

J. Hull reported that the schedule provided last month has been delayed, the draft report will be provided before the next meeting with a public meeting in June which would allow for discussion over the summer and for amendments to be made in order for it to go back to the commission in September.

A discussion took place on the perceived contents of the strategic plan.

MOVED by G. Orr, **SECONDED** by J. Rogers,
that the subcommittee arrange an extra special meeting to discuss the strategic plan on a convenient date after the public meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED by M. Lougher-Goodey, **SECONDED** by J. Rogers,
that a link to the draft strategic plan on the CRD website be included in the notice of the public meeting.

CARRIED

7. WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATES

a) Water Supply Status

J. Hull reported that the reservoir is full. He noted that rainfall for the month of April was 168% of normal. Rainfall is 112% of normal for the period September 1 to date.

b) Water Quality in Sooke Reservoir

J. Hull reported that there are no issues in Sooke Reservoir.

c) Residential Demand Management Initiatives

D. Walker reported on the following:

- Native Plant Workshops have been held.
- They have participated in the Juan de Fuca Recreation Home Show, Earth Day events, Certified Irrigation Technologist training session which included Brownies and Girl Guide presentations.
- Four students have been hired and their training program has started. Their main role will be to educate the public by attending events during the summer. A secondary role will be to do bike patrols for the water conservation bylaw with the emphasis this year to be ambassadors to provide information to the public and respond to questions.
- In the next few weeks they will be working with the BC Landscape and Nursery Association to facilitate signage to be available at the nurseries to provide information to the public.
- Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw is in effect from May 1 to September 30.
- A new display booth is anticipated within two months.
- Continue to receive phone calls from the general public requesting information and participation in many events.

d) ICI Demand Management Initiatives

- No report.

8. INTEGRATED WATER SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT (QUESTIONS /COMMENTS)

MOVED by M. J. Rogers, **SECONDED** by G. Orr,
that the Water Advisory Committee receive the Integrated Water Services Monthly Report for
information.

CARRIED

9. QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was asked if there should be other members in the commercial industry that would attend the
meetings in the absence of M. Hall. J. Hull advised that the committee should contact M. Hall to
inquire on his lack of attendance at meetings.

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS

There were no members of the public in attendance.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.