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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 9 am in the Goldstream Conference Room
at CRD Integrated Water Services, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: B. Wilkes (C), J. Coward, M. Doehnel, M. Gingras, R. Henderson, E. Loring-Kuhanga, G. Orr, B. Proud, J. Rogers, F. Schulz, D. Spinner (9:25 a.m.), L. Waters
Staff: J. Hull, K. Reilly, M. Montague (Recorder)

ABSENT: M. Lougher-Goodey, E. Dyck, M. Hall

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by G. Orr, **SECONDED** by R. Henderson,
that the Water Advisory Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2011

MOVED by J. Rogers, **SECONDED** by E. Loring-Kuhanga,
that the Water Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the meetings held November 1, 2011.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2011 MEETING

The recommendation to the Regional Water Supply Commission on the water rate for 2012 did have some impact on the budget subcommittee's recommendation for the 2012 water rate.

4. REVIEW OF TASK/ACTION ITEMS

An updated Task List is attached.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair remarked as follows:

- He thanked the members of the Water Advisory Committee for their hard work this year.
- The Regional Water Supply Commission will review applications for new members to the Water Advisory Committee at their January meeting and the recommendations will then be forwarded to the February Board Meeting for adoption.
- The first meeting of the Water Advisory Committee will be in March 2012, at which an election for Chair and Vice Chair will be held.

6. PRESENTATIONS

Bob Lapham and Jeff Weightman from CRD Planning and Protective Services provided an update on the Regional Sustainability Strategy.

7. DRAFT 2011 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE GREATER VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

MOVED by M. Gingras and **SECONDED** by G. Orr,
that the Water Advisory Committee

1. Approve the 2011 Strategic Plan for the Greater Victoria Water Supply System, subject to the additional comments and concerns from the Water Advisory Committee attached to the report; and
2. Acknowledge the significant effort demonstrated by Integrated Water Services in the preparation of the report.

CARRIED.

8. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION FOR INFORMATION ON A WATER BILL

This item will be discussed further at the March meeting of the Water Advisory Committee.

9. WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATES

a) Water Supply Status (J. Hull)

J. Hull reported that the water usage for November and the average for year to date are exactly the same as last year.

b) Water Quality in Sooke Reservoir (J. Hull)

There are no water quality issues in Sooke Reservoir.

c) Residential Demand Management Initiatives (D. Walker)

D. Walker reported that 2012 Spring & Summer Irrigation workshop dates have been confirmed with a total of 10 workshops being offered to residents of the Capital Region in various locations throughout the region.

Demand Management, in partnership with the Irrigation Industry Association of BC is sponsoring a Certified Irrigation Technician Level 2 course in February for local irrigation industry professionals. Staff responded to 187 phone calls in December.

d) ICI Demand management Initiatives (K. Reilly)

K. Reilly reported that in December, ICI staff continued the onsite work for an audit being completed for a large industrial water user. Onsite work has identified significant water savings through simple fixes such as repairing leaks, installing spray nozzles on hoses and changing operation practices. As well, on site work for the hospital audit was conducted throughout December. On-site work found high volume toilets and inefficient faucet aerators. Finally, one audit was completed for a restaurant located in Victoria. This audit recommended that Once-Through Cooling Equipment and toilets be replaced or retrofitted. One toilet was leaking significantly.

One Once-Through Cooling rebate was completed in December. The rebate will save approximately 1,440 m³ of water (equivalent to 6 homes' annual water use).

Lastly, ICI water conservation advertising with the Douglas magazine and the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce publication continued in December. ICI staff presented a paper to the Irrigation Association of BC on December 1. The paper reviewed the objectives of the IWS Strategic Plan, general perceptions of water use within the region as well as success of the irrigation programs offered to residents within the region.

MOVED by M. Gingras and **SECONDED** by E. Loring-Kuhanga,
that the Water Advisory Committee receive the reports for information.

CARRIED

10. QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no questions from Committee members.

11. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS

There were no members of the public in attendance.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Items to be added to the action list were discussed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.