



Summary Meeting Notes TRYON CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MAY 9, 2012
4:00 – 6:15 PM
PORTLAND BUILDING

MEETING NO 1: CHARTERING MEETING

CAC Members Present: Tom Badrick, Harvey Lockett, Dave Gooley, Bruce Brown, Kara Warner, Al Iverson, Dan Vizzini , Mary Beth Coffey , Rich Martin

CAC Member Ruth Spetter participated by phone

Team Members Present: City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services: Steve Behrndt, David Allred, Jim Brown, Gary Ott, James Bray; City of Lake Oswego: Brant Williams, CH2M HILL Facility Planning Team: Dave Green, Michelle Burkhart, Linda Macpherson/New Water ReSources (Meeting Facilitator)

WELCOME – Each Committee member did self-introductions. Welcoming messages were provided from Steve Behrndt and Brant Williams. Steve noted that the plant has operated in a cost-effective and efficient manner for many years. The Bureau of Environmental Services also wants to be sensitive to the surrounding area – now and in the future while continuing to ensure cost effective, high quality service delivery benefitting the rate payers of both Lake Oswego and the City of Portland.

BACKGROUND:

Jim Brown provided an overview of the Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant – history, function, purpose of facility planning and the 2008 Enhancement Planning Process. Handouts of the presentation were provided.

The CAC had several questions or requests for clarification on the presentations, which are noted below:

- Operating and maintenance budget information (current budget was described as approximately \$1 million)
- Information on the percent of flow to the plant attributable to stormwater/peak flows?
- The intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Portland and Lake Oswego was described briefly. It was noted that the plant improvements to deal with peak flows is not addressed in the IGA. This is an issue because some of the necessary improvements are driven by peak flows.
- There are a number of environmental issues/regulations currently in place that were not in place at the time the agreement was written; Current discharge limits are not consistent with current Willamette Basin standards. A copy of the IGA was requested by Ruth Spetter
- **Action Item:** Provide copy of IGA.

Questions on Facility Planning:

- The relationship between NPDES Permit Renewal Application and Facility Planning was discussed? Though facilities planning is not a requirement for Permit renewal, it is a tool for negotiation. BES is waiting for DEQ to respond to application
- What is plant temperature? Interest in mining heat from WWTP. 12-25 degrees C varies throughout the year
- What's the process for defining the right balance point between inflow and infiltration (I/I) reduction in collection systems vs. managing at plant? Facilities Plan includes cost development based on 3 levels of I/I reduction. That will provide basis for decision-making.
- Is it likely that DEQ or EPA would require something that wasn't planned for in the Facilities Plan? Yes, however, the timeline for implementation of new regulations is quite slow, so in the near term (10-15 years) it is fairly uncommon for issues to emerge that can't be identified in a planning process.

Action Item: Email vision and guiding principles to CAC

Suggested Ground Rules and a Means to Reach a Consensus Decision were distributed and discussed. Linda Macpherson emphasized that the goal is to design a constructive process – one that seeks consensus and not unanimity on each point. She described a means to define and test to determine whether agreement is being achieved through the process. She defined a quick gradient scale approach which was generally agreed to in the meeting.

Comments on Ground Rules:

- Transparent, Accountable and Consensual should be emphasized. It was noted that the task before the CAC is bigger than the individual. There was some discussion about the overall objective. Steve Behrndt responded that the plan needs to define the future for the Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to ensure that all stakeholders have the same view of the planned improvements as they evolve over the years ahead.
- It was emphasized that the CAC is an advisory body for two elected councils – the two Councils through their oversight committees will make decisions.

Action Item: Email updated staff contacts with contact information

- Determine a good place to meet prior to a tour of the treatment plant at the next meeting. Determine if it is possible to utilize Community Space at Oswego Pointe
- Important to distribute information (website, etc.) through LO and BES. Kristine from LO will be the LO counterpoint. Now is the time to start getting some publicity for the work and the process
- Consider having some of the meetings in Lake Oswego

Action Item: Distribute BES website to CAC.

- If questions come up, direct them to David Allred and he will solicit the proper input from the Facility Plan team and distribute answers to the entire CAC.

NEXT MEETING:

June 13, 2012 will be a tour of the Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment plant and environs. Additional information will be provided about this meeting via the email contact list.

Notes provided by Michelle Burkhart and Linda Macpherson