

WEST SLOPE WATER DISTRICT

Special Board of Commissioners Meeting – Work Session

January 26, 2021

Meeting Summary

CALL TO ORDER

Present on Virtual Meeting: Chair Charles Conrad; Commissioners Michael Hoffman, Paul Schuler, Andy Smith, and Carol Wild

Management Staff: Michael Grimm, General Manager

Absent: None

Public: None present

1.0 - CALL TO ORDER

Chair Conrad called to order the special work session meeting of the West Slope Water District Board of Commissioners at 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, January 26, 2021. The meeting was held through Zoom remote teleconferencing technology. The public was made aware of the meeting through the District’s website (agenda posted on website with the login information).

2.0 – DISCUSSION OF UPDATES TO THE DISTRICT’S STRATEGIC PLAN

Chair Conrad gave a brief review of the Strategic Plan process used in 2015 to create the current Strategic Plan. In creating the Plan, it was the Board of Commissioner’s intent that the Plan would be a dynamic document subject to be reviewed at least every five years. Chair Conrad commented considerable time and thought was spent creating a sense of who the District was and what the purpose of the District was going forward through the District’s Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Core Values.

Commissioner Schuler asked if part of the Strategic Plan should include the question “Is it efficient for the District to continue to exist?” Chair Conrad acknowledged the importance of the question of whether the District is relevant in its ability to fulfill the Strategic Plan or should it consolidate into another water utility. Commissioner Hoffman stated the District should have a set of metrics by which an analysis can be used to determine if the District is able to meet the needs of District customers. Commissioner Hoffman commented that at the point the District is not able to attain the goals it sets forth in the Strategic Plan, the District becomes a dis-service to its customers. Commissioner Wild reminded the Board that such a decision should not be reactive but instead proactive taking into consideration a broad perspective of the District as well its individual components.

Commissioner Schuler believed is it important for the District to maintain on-going relationships with area water utilities from both the Staff level and the elected official level. Commissioner Schuler suggested organizational viability be added as a goal.

Commissioner Smith stated that equity and inclusivity are important to him personally and he believed both equity and inclusivity should be to the District as well as we think about how we communicate to our customers in other ways besides English, and he commented we probably do not know enough about the demographics of the West Slope area to know about other specific communication barriers that exist. Commissioner Smith believed both equity and inclusivity could be added to the District's core values.

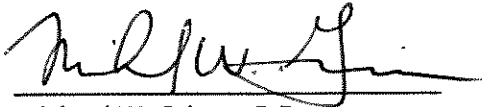
The Board suggested a few changes to the Mission Statement, the Vision Statement, and the Core Values. Commissioner Schuler agreed to review the Goals and Strategies list and make a first draft of a modified list. The Board asked if those modifications and the revisions to the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and the Core Values could be included in a draft for another work session to be held Monday, February 8, 2021. Both Commissioner Schuler and Mr. Grimm agreed to work toward that goal.

3.0 - ADJOURNMENT

Chair Conrad thanked the Board for their work at this work session. Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wild seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Chair Conrad adjourned the January 26, 2021 work session meeting for the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved:



Michael W. Grimm, P.E.
Acting Secretary

