



**City of Lake Oswego/City of Tigard Water Supply Partnership
Summary of Oversight Committee Meeting #45
Meeting held
February 2, 2015, 2015**

Present:

City of Lake Oswego: Oversight Committee: Mayor Studebaker, Councilor Bowerman
City of Tigard: Oversight Committee: Mayor Cook, Councilor Buehner; Councilor Snider
Technical Committee Staff: Joel Komarek, Dennis Koellermeier, Kari Duncan.
LOTWP Staff: Dave Prock, Katy Fulton, Susie Shinn, Maurette Tollefsen

Brown and Caldwell: Jon Holland, Program Manager, Mike Prett

Citizen attendees: Julie Blake, Karen Crichton, Lamont King, Jim Long, Gwen Sieben,

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Oversight Committee Chair Snider called the meeting of the Lake Oswego/Tigard Water Partnership Oversight Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on February 2, 2015, at the West End Building, Chinook Meeting Room, 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035.

2. OVC MEMBERSHIP CHANGE, NEW CHAIR

Tigard Councilor Jason Snider stated that he was pleased to have spent the last year as Chair of the OVC Committee Meeting. At this meeting the Chair position cedes from Tigard to Lake Oswego. Major Studebaker will now assume the Chair position of the OVC Committee through February 2016. The Committee agreed no vote was necessary for this change.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Major Studebaker asked for a vote to approve the minutes from the last meeting. **Councilor Bowerman** motioned to approve, **Councilor Snider** seconded the motion.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Studebaker invited guests to address the Committee. There were no comments from guests at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 – WTP Schedule update.

Section 6.1.1 - **Mr. Komarek** reported that there was not a great deal of new information to be shared with the committee at this point. As related at the prior meeting, the contractors' estimated current recovery schedule for Phase B is forecasted to be complete by April or May of 2016. The bulk of the heavy construction work is estimated to be completed by the fall of 2016, with the remainder of the less impactful work continuing until fall 2016 through the first quarter of 2017. **Mr. Komarek** stated that staff continue to work with the contractor to explore ways to shave days, if not weeks, off the schedule and will continue to do so for the duration of the project. The contractors' recovery schedule includes working six days per week as well as re-sequencing some of the work, as reported at the last meeting. The contractors are doing what they can on a compact, constrained site, to optimize efficiency, being careful to avoid crowding more people or equipment on site which could result in a reduction in efficiency, poor quality workmanship or increase the potential for worker injury. **Mayor Studebaker** asked if there was a reduction in the eleven month delay. **Mr. Komarek** responded that it is estimated there will be an approximate nine month delay in Phase B, with an additional ten and a half month delay for Phase C, but that they are not added in, there is an overlap. **Mayor Studebaker** asked if major construction associated with Phase B would be completed in the latter part of 2016. **Mr. Komarek** affirmed that it would.

Councilor Bowerman asked if the contractor was going to add additional labor. **Mr. Komarek** stated that the contractor does not anticipate substantial changes in the number of construction workers on site and informed the committee that substantial changes have been made at an upper administrative management level, which is yielding results in efficiency. A discussion ensued regarding sequencing and re-sequencing work.

Mayor Studebaker asked whether conversations regarding liquidated damages have begun, in particular would contingencies cover contractors who refuse to provide liquidated damages and would our contingencies cover any of that. **Mr. Komarek** responded that, assuming they are not consumed for other reasons, yes they would

Councilor Bowerman stated that the most frequent question she has received from the public of late is how the delay has come as a surprise both to the OVC and the cities. **Mr. Komarek** stated that it was known to be a tight schedule but a more rapid contractor mobilization had been anticipated. When that did not happen it was brought to the attention of Slayden, their on-site project management as well as corporate management. **Councilor Bowerman** asked when this occurred. **Mr. Komarek** stated this was in September/October of 2013. From February 2014 up through early summer regular updates have been received from Slayden showing they are only slightly behind schedule. In

August/September, Slayden's new management team completely reworked the schedule. **Mayor Studebaker** asked if the latest work projection is reasonable. **Mr. Komarek** informed the committee that the projected sequencing is more logical and that the team has greater confidence in the renewed schedule.

Section 6.2 - PGE Alternate Service Agreement

Mr. Komarek stated that there was not a great deal to report other than the fact that this is the second of two agreements entered into with PGE to provide a redundant source of power, both at the River Intake Pump Station and the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The water intake station alternate power service is now installed. The infrastructure for the WTP alternate service has been installed by PGE and its third party contractor. The service agreement was approved by the Lake Oswego council on the 20th of January. The committee was informed that the service agreement is scheduled to be considered by Tigard's council in February.

Mayor Studebaker asked how long it would take to complete. **Mr. Komarek** informed the committee that the infrastructure is in place. PGE has some work on their overhead section to bring it from overhead to underground. The conduits, cables and pull vaults have been installed along Kenthorpe. Once the overhead work is done, our contractor will have some work to do to get wires brought to surface points, at which point PGE makes all the final terminations.

6.3 - Design Firm services during construction.

Joel Komarek stated that several amendments relating to design firm services are pending. These primarily relate to additional services incurred during construction at the Waluga Reservoir, and River intake pump station. **Dave Prock** informed the committee that the first two items to be discussed at the upcoming council meeting will relate to Black & Veatch. The first is for the river intake pump station in the amount of \$257,000 to provide for work occurring in the construction phase. Original expectations were set several years ago. Today's proposal exceeds projected expectations at that time. **Mr. Prock** stated that Black & Veatch had expended a significantly higher level of effort in reviewing the shop drawings and processing other submittals, in order to move construction along. **Joel Komarek** inquired whether these additional costs are included in our current program estimate of \$254 million. **Mr. Prock** confirmed that this is the case.

The second agenda item for Black & Veatch is for the Waluga Reservoir #2. Again, services required were greater than anticipated, in the amount of \$166,000, which is also in the \$254 million program estimate category. **Mr. Komarek** informed the committee that ongoing internal discussions were taking place regarding how this might be handled differently in the future.

Mr. Komarek provided an update on the Brown & Caldwell contract. Most of the additional costs relate to six pipelines that are now under construction, several of which require night work. Four pipelines in four cities are presently being constructed concurrently. This requires a far higher level of construction inspection and oversight. The project went from under the lake to around the lake. This particular area around the lake is rich in cultural resources, which necessitated adherence to State and Federal law thus requiring comprehensive and rigorous pre-construction assessment and

evaluation. **Mr. Komarek** informed the committee that a large portion of the amendment anticipated at the following night's meeting from Brown and Caldwell will relate to sub-contractor services, with inspections done by Brown and Caldwell. A Brown and Caldwell inspector is on site to monitor work quality and schedule.

Section 6.4 - Metrics Report.

Mr. Holland handed out a revised Metrics Report schedule. The replacement schedule indicates a significant change in the WTP delay, heading out into the first quarter of 2017. **Mr. Holland** further informed the committee that the sponsor contingency has been reduced from previous estimates by approximately \$87,000. This is due to designer changes. **Mr. Holland** stated that the top item on the list remains the WTP delay and the potential for associated cost increases.

Mayor Studebaker inquired whether re-inspections would be offered to residents upon completion of the construction. **Mr. Komarek** stated that pre-construction surveys had been offered but that there are no current plans to offer re-inspections to document post-construction conditions. **Katy Fulton** outlined the procedure offering inspections in the early stages of the WTP construction, stating that 8 out of 33 properties accepted the offer. Going forward property claim forms and details of claim procedures are provided to those residents who call or e-mail reporting damage. **Councilor Bowerman** requested that the OVC be informed once a final decision is reached concerning re-inspections.

Mr. Holland reported that the intake is beginning the first of two commissioning periods beginning February 3rd, 2015, for a period of two weeks.

Mr. Holland reported that good progress had been made regarding pipeline schedules 1, 2, and 3A. This includes work in Gladstone, the HDD river crossing and pipe installation in Mapleton Drive. The contractor is planning on beginning work on Mapleton Drive in April.

Mr. Holland provided a progress report on Schedule 3B. Highway 43 work, both in Lake Oswego and West Linn is progressing, with two crews working simultaneously, one working north the other working south. The North crew has run into rock which has slowed their production rate as well as increased noise due to rock hammering during the night. On Highway 43 they have also run into some unmarked utilities plus some tree stumps and roots, as well as some trees that were cut off and paved over, further reducing production. The crews are achieving approximately 100 ft. at night and hopefully they will soon return to their previous production rate.

Mr. Holland provided a progress report on Schedule 5, stating that there was not a lot of activity. **Mr. Holland** stated that disinfection of the pipeline had been completed and that operations crews are now working on the commissioning process. **Kari Duncan** confirmed that the bacterial testing is complete and the valves would be turned on very soon.

Mr. Holland reported that Schedule 6 is estimated to begin later in the week commencing February 2nd. Work will commence on the Tigard side of the railroad tracks and head toward I5.

Mr. Holland reported on the Waluga Reservoir. Wrapping of the tank is complete. Scaffolding is down and the tank is empty. The next procedure is to connect the pipelines from the existing system to the new reservoir, test it and then repair work on the existing reservoir can proceed.

Mr. Holland stated that crews are out in the middle of Bonita Road connecting pipes to the existing system. In order to minimize impact work is being done at night. **Mayor Studebaker** asked when the roads would be fully restored. **Mr. Holland** stated that he would be meeting with ODOT and officials from West Linn Tuesday, February 3rd to discuss the issue, as well as the possibility of testing and performing final restoration in segments. **Councilor Bowerman** asked when final restoration might be complete. **Mr. Holland** responded he anticipated it would be complete during the paving season, Summer/Fall of 2015. **Councilor Bowerman** asked whether Mr. Holland anticipated presenting a report of his meeting with ODOT to the City Council. **Mr. Holland** stated that he would if requested.

Mayor Cook requested an update on the Oregon Water Resources Board litigation matter. **Mr. Komarek** informed the committee that the Water Research Department is thoroughly reviewing the opinion of the court and that he would provide more details when they are forthcoming.

7. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Katy Fulton noted the following communications activities.

- Regular updates are being sent every two weeks to stakeholders and neighbors and are posted on the Lake Oswego – Tigard Water Partnership website.
- Articles are being prepared for both Hello LO and Cityscape newsletters, particularly detailing construction pertaining to Schedule 6, Bonita Road in Tigard where there will be a lot of upcoming activity.
- Outreach plans relating to Downtown Lake Oswego and Tigard are being prepared.
- Jordan Imlah, Citizen Outreach Coordinator will be canvassing some businesses, relating to Schedule 4 and for Tigard, in the coming weeks and preparing materials to inform them of what is happening. The aim is to canvass and create a list signing people up to our updates in order to stay better informed.
- Informational tweets are being sent out, which are then being re-tweeted by West Linn and Tigard which is proving very effective.
- Over the past few months high quality videos, including drone footage, have been prepared. One of which has been played on rotation on Tualatin Valley Community Television.
- Coupons, shop local bags, signs and portable A-frame signage has been developed to support businesses on Highway 43 during construction.
- An eight page insert was developed for inclusion in the West Linn Tidings which was published in December.
- Twice a month black and white advertisements are placed in the West Linn Tidings to support those businesses that have accepted the opportunity.
- We received positive feedback from a survey sent out to B Avenue businesses and the Lake Oswego Business Alliance. The survey sought to assess how our communications were and

whether they could be improved upon. Approximately 75% of respondents favorably stated that staff visits and e-mail were very valuable.

- There has been a marked increase in complaints about major work progressing along Highway 43. Complaints were predominantly related to road conditions, temporary paving, steel plates and adherence to work hours.
- Neighborhood meetings with our West Linn contractors continue to be held twice a month at Burgerville in West Linn.
- Public tours of the Water Treatment Plant continue to be held twice a month. Mayor Kovash from West Linn attended the January 22nd tour.

Mr. Komarek introduced Maurette Tollefsen, new Administrative Support who will be working alongside Susie Shinn.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

A date would be confirmed for the next OVC meeting either in March or early April 2015. A preference for March 2015 was expressed. **Mr. Komarek** proposed sending an e-mail to canvass members' preferences.

At this time Mayor Studebaker asked if any members of the public had any matters they wished to address before the meeting. Questions were asked and answered regarding the payment of damage claims; the pending lawsuit; construction work on Mapleton Drive; paving on Mapleton Drive and free car washes.

10. ADJOURN

Chair Studebaker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maurette Tollefsen, Administrative Support

Attachments:

Approved by the Oversight Committee:

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