Lake Oswego/City of Tigard Water Supply Partnership
Summary of Oversight Committee Meeting #1
Meeting held March 2, 2009

Attendees: City of Lake Oswego (LO)
           Bill Tierney
           Kristen Johnson
           Joel Komarek
           Kari Duncan

           City of Tigard (COT)
           Sydney Sherwood
           Gretchen Buchner
           Dennis Koellermeyer
           Rob Murchison

Meeting Summary:

Introductions of Oversight Committee (OVC) members and Technical Committee (TC) members were made. Joel Komarek, LOTC member began the meeting by providing an overview of the duties of the TC members and OVC members as described in the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

Initial Expansion

Mr. Komarek then provided a brief overview of Lake Oswego’s water supply system that would be replaced and/or expanded as part of the initial expansion project to double the current supply capacity of Lake Oswego’s system from 16 million gallons per day (mgd) to 32 mgd. Mr. Komarek noted this would be a complex undertaking due to the many stakeholder interests in the water supply basin, the presence of endangered species in the Clackamas River and that fact that many of the new, expanded facilities are located in other cities.

Dennis Koellermeyer TTC member asked Mr. Komarek if he would provide the OVC an update on issues surrounding Lake Oswego’s efforts to seek extensions of development time for its water rights. Mr. Komarek described that proposed final orders (PFO) approving the extensions had been protested by WaterWatch and by South Fork Water Board (SFWB) and that despite efforts to settle these protests through facilitated mediation, the protests were now headed toward resolution through the contested case process established by administrative rule. Mr. Komarek noted that optimistically the contested case proceeding could take about a year and pessimistically 2 to 3 years to complete if opponents wanted to take their concerns to the state appellate court and even the state supreme court. Mr. Komarek expressed that because the City and other parties to the protest were in agreement with the conditions of the PFO and supported the methods by which the Water Resources Department (WRD) and Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) determined these conditions, he felt the City was well positioned to achieve a satisfactory outcome of the contested case and that this outcome would not jeopardize the partners interests.
Proposed Work Plan

Mr. Komarek then discussed the conceptual work plan for FY 2009-10 noting that TC members have not yet spent much time in its development but that at the next meeting of the OVC more information would be available. OVC member Tierney suggested that the first annual work plan to be developed by the TC needed to include a communications element and that the communication piece needed to address early communications efforts. Mr. Komarek noted that the draft meeting summary to be sent out prior to the next meeting of the OVC, would include a copy of the draft budget for FY 2009-10.

Communications

Mr. Komarek then asked OVC members for direction regarding when and by what means the OVC wanted to communicate with their respective councils. TC members understood the OVC wanted to provide a consistent message to their councils and that in order to do this a standard form should be used and that the content of the message contained on that form should be developed by the TC and jointly approved by the OVC prior to presenting to their full councils.

TC member Koellermeyer asked OVC members about their preferences for publicly noticing meetings of the OVC. OVC member Sherwood expressed little concern and could be persuaded in either direction. OVC member Buehner expressed some concern for being able to manage information that may find its way into the community from citizens who might choose to attend OVC meetings. OVC members Johnson and Tierney expressed their comfort with noticing the meetings through various LO media outlets. OVC member Tierney suggested that although the public should be welcomed to attend, citizen attendees should understand that public interaction with the OVC members should not be encouraged. A suggestion was made to make sure LO’s public information department was made aware of when upcoming meetings of the OVC would be held so meetings could be noticed.

Future Meetings

Discussion then turned to scheduling of future meetings of the OVC. Staff understands that afternoons are preferred and that Tuesday’s are generally not desirable as both councils meet in the evening on those days. OVC members desired to keep the meetings focused and efficient and preferred to keep them to an hour depending upon the agenda. OVC members also agreed to a rotating venue arrangement between the two cities.

The next meeting of the OVC and TC is scheduled for Monday March 30, beginning at 3:00 pm and adjourning at 4:00 pm. The location is the Tigard Public Works Building located at the Corner of Hall Blvd. and Burnham Road. The address is 8777 SW Burnham Street.

The above meeting summary is derived from my meeting notes and every attempt has been made to be as accurate as possible. Please contact me with regard to any errors or inaccuracies.

Attachments:  Draft FY 2009-10 Budget

Approved:  March 30, 2009