

**INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S  
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

August 20, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

Colorado River Conference Room, Southern Nevada Water Authority  
100 City Parkway, Seventh Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada

Technical Review Committee Members Present: Mike Alastuey, Marcus Conklin, Paula Eylar-Lauzon, John Restrepo, Bob Kasner

Technical Review Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Entsminger, Randall Buie, Katie Horn

Others Present: Brian Thomas, Thomas Toepfer

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no persons wishing to speak.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

The Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Integrated Resource Planning Advisory Committee's (IRPAC) Technical Review Committee met Tuesday, August 20, 2013. The meeting began at 1:34 p.m.

*Review purpose and scope of Technical Review Committee.*

John Entsminger, SNWA Senior Deputy General Manager, reviewed the purpose of the Technical Review Committee.

*Approve the meeting summaries from the special meetings of July 29, 2013 and July 31, 2013.*

The committee proposed no changes to either meeting summaries. The committee approved both meeting summaries.

*Finalize the recommendation to the Integrated Resource Planning Advisory Committee (IRPAC) for the rate model assumption related to operating expenses.*

Mr. Entsminger reviewed the materials that had been provided to the committee, which included updated rate models based on previous Technical Review Committee recommendations and a recommendation by IRPAC to cap connection charge levels at 2014 budget figures. Ms. Eylar-Lauzon noted that the Technical Review Committee had previously approved the population growth assumption.

Mr. Entsminger discussed the capitalized labor figures that were presented to the committee. He reviewed how the figures were used within the Hobbs Ong rate model and how the SNWA's Major Construction and Capital Plan (MCCP) labor was represented within that model. He noted that the rate model was updated to reflect a more accurate representation of labor costs, based on the conversations held at previous Technical Review Committee meetings and following an internal review. Mike Alastuey asked Mr. Entsminger if he was comfortable with the labor adjustments. Mr. Entsminger stated he was comfortable with the adjustment, but reminded the committee that if new capital was required, these labor figures would need to be increased. Ms. Eylar-Lauzon noted that the committee is not forecasting additional capital that hasn't been approved, since the SNWA Board is required to approve new capital projects.

Ms. Eylar-Lauzon asked what the process is to review the MCCP. Mr. Entsminger noted that SNWA purveyor members meet throughout the year to review the MCCP and make recommendations. If changes are required, the SNWA Board considers these changes.

Marcus Conklin clarified that the reduced capitalized labor figures were not the result of a reduced expenditure, but a reallocation of funds. Mr. Entsminger agreed with Mr. Conklin's clarification.

With no further discussion, Ms. Eylar-Lauzon suggested the committee approve the capitalized labor assumptions used within the new rate model. The committee approved her recommendation.

There being no other related business, Mr. Entsminger opened the meeting for public comment. There were no persons wishing to be heard, and Mr. Entsminger closed the meeting at 1:55 p.m.