

The special meeting of October 14, 2013 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present from the District were Commissioners Larry Schoonmaker, Charlotte Haines and Ron Ricker; Diane Pottinger, District Manager, Barb Shosten, Finance Manager and Andrew Maron, District Attorney.

Also attending were the following representatives of local utility providers and governments:

City of Lake Forest Park: Pete Rose, City Administrator and Frank Zenk, Public Works Director.

Highlands, Inc.: David Hanower, Board President.

Highlands Sewer District: Commissioners John Harris, Michael Maloney and Nat Penrose; Paul Konrady, Consulting Engineer.

Lake Forest Park Water District: Bill Donahue, Commissioner and Alan Kerley, General Manager.

Northshore Utility District: Commissioners Don Ellis, Trudy Rolla, Margaret Wiggins, Bruce Gardiner; Fanny Yee, General Manager; Steve Hamilton, Finance Director; Al Nelson, Operations Director; Dave Kaiser, Engineering Director and Kinnon Williams, District Council.

Olympic View Water and Sewer District: Lynne Danielson, General Manager.

Ronald Wastewater District: Commissioners Bob Ransom, Brian Carroll, Rich Matthews and Arnie Lind and Michael Derrick, General Manager.

Seattle Public Utilities: Terri Gregg, Wholesale Contracts Manager.

**REGIONAL UTILITY STUDY:**

This was an informational meeting to brief local utility providers about the result of the Regional Utility Study performed for Shoreline Water District and Ronald Wastewater District. Ms. Pottinger and Relaena Sindelar of Sindelar Communications and Marketing introduced the study. Consultants David Findley of FCS Group and Scott Christensen of CHS Engineers, Inc. made a presentation as to the findings of their study. They advised that their financial study assumed that all nine water/wastewater utility providers in the study would combine their entire operations, and create a utility similar in size and scope to Northshore Utility District. They explained that the new Joint Municipal Utility Services Authority (JMUSA) statute allows local government utility providers wide flexibility to combine any (or all) activities without the requirement for organizational merger/consolidations. Thus, they explained that the utilities in the study could agree to perform joint or shared activities that were for much less comprehensive than a merger/consolidation.

Thereafter, representatives from the various utilities asked questions of the consultants, provided comments, and discussed the results.

Ms. Pottinger advised that Shoreline Water District would follow up the meeting by sending a questionnaire to all the utilities to determine the interest each has to participate in future discussions regarding regional cooperative actions.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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