

*Chair: Chris Thompson*

**Present:** Eric Anderson, Tom Grant, Kelly McCaffrey, Chris Thompson

**Absent:** Carol O'Hara, Kyle Stetler, Ross Gilliland,

**Staff:** Dave Hilmoe, Tim Skeel, Mahama Bandaogo, Tracy De La Tore-Evans, Linda Rogers, Sheryl Shapiro

**Guests:** Rebecca Ponzio

4:10 PM Call to Order

### **Monthly Topics:**

#### **1. Understanding Customer Value of Water Service Interruptions**

- Staff presented issue background, and discussed contingent valuation survey.
- Group participated in discussion of sample valuation survey process, and discussed questions and issues throughout.
- Commercial implications will be discussed at a future meeting.
- See presentation document for details
- WSAC discussion topics included potential for residential damage if water service is lost, average annual number of residential leaks and/or breaks, definition of a "critical customer", cost per residence to deal with breaks, crew availability, and use of the information from today's WSAC survey

### **Wrap Up:**

#### **2. WSAC Business**

- Tom Grant provided Rate Study Update
  - Reviewed 3-tier rate design
  - Have approximately one year to finalize recommendations for presentation to SPU Director
  - Over last four months, have had five meetings; discussion has focused on five major issues:
    - i. Financial stability
    - ii. Economic efficiency
    - iii. Conservation
    - iv. Customer Equity
    - v. Water is basic right of citizens – social justice
  - Tom is on sub-committee dealing with Economic Efficiency and Conservation.
  - Questions arising from Tom's briefing included:
    - i. What does "economic efficiency" mean?
    - ii. How is this taken into account for rate design
    - iii. How much does conservation impact rates?

- iv. How do ideal flows equate to minimum flows? Is this in conservation plans, and/or in agreements with tribes?
- v. Is tier system being reviewed to project consistent revenues?
- vi. Should commercial pay more for water than residential customers?
- Further questions can be sent to Tom Grant to take to sub-committee. He needs this input **not later than October 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- Attendance sheet – please sign in.
- Review of July meeting notes.
  - No changes are needed to the notes.
- Follow-up from today's meeting
- November meeting rescheduled to November 28<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday
- Anything else?

**The next meeting is November 28, 2012.**

5:55 PM Meeting adjourned