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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Sunrise Water Authority Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the offices of the City of Damascus, 19920 ZE Highway 212, Damascus, OR 97089.

Board Present: Bob Frentress, Chair; Ron Blake, Vice Chair; Judy Grycko; Bob Garbarino; Ernie Platt and Terry Roskey.

Staff Present: John Thomas, General Manager; and Kim Anderson, Special Projects.

Others Present: Jim Wright, Mayor of Damascus; Diana Helm, Council President; David Jochen, Barbara Ledbury, Randy Shannon, Andrew Jackman, and Marlo Dean, Council Members; Dave Green, City Engineer; Steve Gaschler, Public Works Director

Visitors Present: Chris Hawes, Damascus Committee for Citizen Involvement

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES

Gaschler discussed the Staff report that had been distributed to the City Council and explained the background on the process that led to the current meeting and proposed agreement under discussion. He noted that the two main items remaining unresolved were the term of the agreement and how the agreement works in regards to the proposed work that CH2M Hill will be doing on Integrated Water Resource Management.

Thomas commented that the Committee meeting held on February 10th had been very positive and resulted in a variety of proposals for language changes to address concerns expressed by the members of the Committee from the City of Damascus. Sunrise included these revisions in the Draft dated February 12th, which the council has

before them, and they were also listed in a separate document provided to the Council with the changes highlighted in blue text.

Helm commented that the Council members had not had extensive consideration of this agreement and would need to look at the document more closely to identify specific concerns.

Jothen commented that he did not see any language addressing implications of Sunrise merging with another agency. Sunrise Staff commented that there was none in the current draft but that it was a good point that could be addressed with additional language.

Jothen also questioned why water rates were not included in items to be addressed by the Policy Advisory Committee. A discussion ensued about which items should be included in the list of items to be addressed in the Advisory Committee Process. Water rates was an item of special concern, as there was some discrepancy as to whether City Council members would become targets for criticism on rate increases by participating, when in fact they would have no power to make a decision regarding the actual rates. Sunrise Staff explained how it is envisioned that the Advisory Committee Process will work and how the Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee will function within that Process. The final consensus was that the Council members would prefer to see rate setting included in the list of items to be addressed by the Advisory Committee Process.

The group discussed the language regarding the Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (IWRM). Green and Gaschler discussed their concerns that the current language might not be broad enough to encompass all that the IWRM might cover. They commented that this was the basis of their concern that it may be premature to enter an agreement at this point in time. The group discussed at length the benefits and detriments of moving forward with an agreement now or later, and how the timing of the agreement might affect various planning processes for both entities. The group consensus appeared to be that the language presented seems broad enough to allow for the development of the IWRM and provides for collaboration between the parties in that process.

A short discussion ensued regarding rain water harvesting.

The concern about the ten year review of the agreement was discussed. The general agreement was that reducing the review interval to five years was an acceptable modification.

A motion to adjourn was made by Grycko and seconded by Roskey. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

ROBERT FRENTRESS, CHAIR

JEANNE ANSPACH, SECRETARY