

Meeting Notes
KMPUD Planning Committee
December 9, 2011

In Attendance

Planning Committee Board Members Bob Ende (Chair) and Eric Richert, District Members Geoff Smith and Sid Long, and Assistant General Manager Michael Sharp. Also in attendance were Melene Smith, Jan Hill and Tony Tucher.

Committee Minutes

Eric Richert will draft Planning Committee meeting minutes.

Discussion of the Planning Committee's Work

The Committee discussed a list of issues that need work to create recommendations to the Board. The Committee discussed each of the following, determined whether the issue should be with the Planning Committee or other committees, and established action items.

Board Committees

Target January 12 for Board review and approval of Committee charters. Eric will use Geoff's drafts to create next versions for Committee review.

District Organization

Michael will create an organizational chart or spreadsheet to show how District managers, staff, and key consultants are currently organized; and will draft his thoughts on how this structure may need to change in 2012.

Financial Planning

Determination of financial reporting to the Board and RUS-compliant software is transferred to the Finance Committee.

Energy: Supply/Demand Planning and Reporting

Michael will provide a report containing the "cockpit" information on electricity generation that is currently available from the temporary generators. The Committee needs to determine what "cockpit" information should be provided to the Board at regular intervals once the new powerhouse is running; what mid-term (1-2 years) projections are important to Board understanding and decision-making; and what long-term projections will be required by RUS. Eric will continue to research what information other similar PUD's provide to their Boards.

Energy: Alternative Grid Connection

Michael will set up a conference call with Cal Pico to discuss their idea of connecting Kirkwood to the grid via Strawberry. Purpose is to understand what may be possible, should the connection at Salt Springs become infeasible. Bob Ende, Eric Richert, and Jan Hill will join the call.

Energy: Renewables

The Committee agreed that since Bob Epstein has already done a lot of work in this area, planning for renewable sources of electricity will stay with Bob and the Finance Committee for now.

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Energy: Power Purchase Agreements

Reviewing power purchase proposals and agreements, and making recommendations to the Board, is the responsibility of the Planning Committee.

Snow Removal Business Model

Geoff Smith will work with Michael to develop a term sheet and business case (prospectus) that will better match terms of contracts with HOA's with the long term investments needed to provide snow removal services. This work will include discussions with KMR to determine if the District can be the Resort's snow removal service provider, and whether doing so will provide beneficial economies of scale. Target March to begin discussions with HOA's, using the prospectus as the basis for discussions.

Fire Assessments

Since determining whether and how to increase fire assessments to better balance this service's income and expenses is an immediate issue, this work should be transferred to the Operations Committee.

Remote Read Water Meters

Determining whether these meters and corresponding meter charges should be undertaken in 2012 is also transferred to the Operations Committee.

Fair Share

The Planning Committee needs to re-engage this effort quickly, since gaining new revenues from the Counties could affect the fire assessment decision. We should begin by exploring Amador County Measure M revenues.

Planning Committee Membership

Eric will contact Cheryl Stern to see if she is still interested in becoming the 3rd District member of the Committee. Caroline Scott has also expressed interest. Geoff noted that the Committee can also set up a sub-committee, such as a Fair Share sub-committee.

Board Policy Review

Tony Tucher requested that the Committee consider reviewing and updating all Board policies. This will be placed on a future Board Agenda for discussion.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday December 27 at 3 pm.

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