The Board convened the workshop at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Patricia Preiner, John Waller, Steve Wagamon, and Mike Bradley.

Board Members Absent: Barbara Haake.

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell; Rachel Olm, Houston Engineering (HEI); John Kolb, Rinke Noonan; Barbara Haake (via telephone – listening only).

1:00 Introduce Role and Participation Guidance

Staff presented an introduction of the project team and described each member’s role. The overall framework for the Strategic Direction process was also reviewed. Facilitator Kolb then presented guidance for participation in each of the strategic direction Board workshops and the Board provided concurrence.

1:12 Introduce District “Issues” for Prioritization

Staff then presented the nine “Issue Categories” as was provided in the workshop packet. It was suggested to include up to four subcategories within the draft definition of “Communications/Outreach” including 1) General Public, 2) State Agencies, 3) Counties and 4) Cities, as the District’s messaging is different for the various audiences. The draft definition of “Water Quality Management” was left as-is. The Board discussed revising the title of the “Public Drainage Systems” issue category to specifically include reference to “M.S. 103E” and revising the title of the “Non-Public Drainage Systems” issue category to “Stormwater Infrastructure and Other Private Drainage Systems”. The draft definitions for these two categories were left as-is. Titles and draft definitions for “Flooding”, “District Facilities”, “Regulatory”, and “Funding” were left as-is. The draft definition for “Collaborations” was modified to include “cities” specifically in the list of partners within the definition. Within discussion on each issue category, the Board provided additional comments and discussion as each category was being presented and staff recorded those specific discussions and ideas for inclusion into the interactive process that was originally planned for later in the meeting agenda.

2:43 Interactive: Identify YOUR Priority Issues

The Board then participated in an interactive brainstorming session and generated their list of
up to 10 (or more) specific priority issues facing the District that are MOST IMPORTANT to that individual Board member. These were collected in writing by staff in addition to the notes gathered earlier in the meeting. The issues presented by the Board will be compiled along with other issues submitted by the District’s staff, engineer, citizen advisory committee and technical advisory committee for further Board discussion at future Strategic Direction Process workshops.

2:47 Next Steps
Administrator Belfiori discussed the overall proposed schedule including possible future workshop dates for the “Strategic Direction” process.

The workshop was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.