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

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

Board Members Absent: None.

Others: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell; Rachel Olm, Houston Engineering; Chris Otterness, Houston Engineering; John Kolb, Rinke Noonan.

1. Introduction on meeting purpose, outcomes and status of Strategic Direction Process

The Watershed Management Plan (WMP) Update Team presented a review of activities undertaken to-date as well as a reminder of the overall framework for the Strategic Direction process. The Board decided it would be best to move through the packet materials in sequence, addressing questions with discussion on each issue group and specific policy item as they come up, as opposed to following the agenda as exactly presented. It was agreed that a “parking lot” would be set up for difficult topics to be placed, so as to not bog down completion of the rest of this workshop. “Parking lot” topics will be addressed at a later workshop or later in the WMP update process as appropriate.

2. Discussion on “Consent Agenda” District Policies

Water Resource Specialist Axtell explained that throughout the packets, policy text that is “un-highlighted” is expected to receive little discussion and the Team recommends that those policies should be held over and included in the new plan as-is.

3. Discussion on “Elimination List” District Policies

Water Resource Specialist Axtell explained that throughout the packets, policy text that is “blue-highlighted” is recommended for elimination as the Team feels that the policy is no longer consistent with the current or anticipated future direction of the RCWD Board.

4. Discussion on New District Policies and Policies Needing Revision

Water Resource Specialist Axtell explained that throughout the packets, policy text that is “yellow-highlighted” is recommended for discussion as the Team feels that the policy likely either 1) requires revision to reflect the Board’s current direction, 2) may be a controversial
topic based on the Team’s interpretation of previous Board discussions, or 3) represents a gap in current District policy, where a new policy may need to be developed.

The Team and Board proceeded to work through discussions on District policies within each Issue Group, organized by Management Category. Rachel Olm took detailed notes on the discussion for later use in developing updated policy template documents. Board consensus on initial direction for all policies was reached except for the topics placed into the “parking lot”, as follows: 1) trunk drainage system policy, 2) public partner funding considerations, 3) lake level management, 4) financing of large capital projects, 5) carp management, and 6) RCWD role in groundwater management.

Administrator Belfiori discussed the overall proposed schedule including possible future workshop dates for the “Strategic Direction” process. Upon further discussion the Board reached consensus that the next strategic direction workshop will be on Monday, May 21 at 12:00pm at the District Office.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.