The Board convened workshop at 10:25 a.m.

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

Absent: None.

Staff: Administrator Phil Belfiori; Water Resource Specialist Kyle Axtell.


Visitors: None.


The WMP Team and Board reviewed a draft Chapter 5 from the 2020 WMP. The WMP Team walked the Board through Chapter 5, with the bulk of focus on the existing and proposed Water Management Districts (WMDs). The Board discussed the need to include WMDs for projects that had already been completed, such as ACD 31 and ACD 46. Staff responded that there are still deferred charges on many properties in those WMDs that will not be collected until properties develop. As long as there are deferred charges, a WMD must remain in the plan. Manager Waller asked about the duplicative nature of the ACD15/JD4 WMD and the planning WMDs for Forest Lake and Columbus. He stated that he felt the ACD15/JD4 WMD should be eliminated because there are no deferred charges and the project is complete. Future maintenance would likely be completed using ad valorem funding. The WMD Team explained that a WMD is established for a specific purpose and also that these WMDs, while they may be duplicative somewhat in their geographical coverage, are not for the same purposes. Administrator Belfiori explained that the presence of a WMD in the plan does not obligate the Board to act on it and issue a WMD charge to landowners in the WMD. Adding them to the plan now simply opens up the option to the Board should it have a need to issue a charge in the future. Further, adding them now also eliminates the need to complete a watershed plan amendment in the future which is very time consuming. The ACD15/JD4 WMD is the only one proposed that does not have a future planned project and/or deferred charges in the draft watershed plan. Discussion on this topic ensued and ultimately the Board did not direct staff to remove the ACD15/JD4 WMD at this stage of the draft. The Board reviewed the draft maps of
each WMD. No corrections were suggested. The WMP Team explained that the draft chapter 5.4 (Funding Considerations) is a carry-over of chapter 7.5 in the current watershed plan. After discussion, it was decided to reorganize the section somewhat to make it clearer how the text descriptions aligned with the various criteria presented in the plan section.

**Review Draft Chapter 6: Watershed Plan Administration.**

The WMP Team and Board reviewed a draft Chapter 6 from the 2020 WMP. The WMP Team walked the Board through Chapter 6, outlining the difference between general plan amendments, minor plan amendments, and changes not requiring a formal amendment. The Board had only a few minor wordsmithing comments to clarify portions of the text.

**Review Implementation Table [Table in Chapter 4].**

The WMP Team and Board reviewed the draft Implementation Table from Chapter 4. No comments.

**Review City CIP List [Appendix to Plan].**

The WMP Team and Board reviewed the draft City CIP List (Appendix to the plan). No comments.

2. **Review March 27, 2019 TAC Comments [Chapter 4]**

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled to a future workshop.

3. **Review April 3, 2019 CAC Comments [Chapter 4]**

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled to a future workshop.

The workshop was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.