

Blue Ribbon Review Committee

Item #4a

Subject: Review of the Blue Ribbon Committee recommended next steps

Purpose: Review of the Blue Ribbon Committee recommended next steps

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Summary

This report presents a summary of the initial staff review of the 22 recommended next steps identified in the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) April 12, 2011 report for Metropolitan Board consideration.



Review of Blue Ribbon Committee Recommended Next Steps

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October 25, 2011

Report on BRC Recommended Next Steps

- Staff has developed initial draft
- Incorporate feedback for second draft in November
- Final draft in December

Board Report – Attachment 1

- BRC's recommended 22 next steps for six business elements
 1. Customer Demand
 2. Diversified water portfolio and investments
 3. Provider of integrated water services
 4. Finances and pricing
 5. Governance and operations
 6. Leadership in technology and workforce development
- Includes numbering for reference purposes

Board Report – Attachment 2

- Matrix of next steps
 - Applicable Policy (Yes/No)
 - Implementation Process (Yes/No)
 - Timeframe
 - Ongoing: already being implemented
 - Near-term: evaluate in 1 to 5 years
 - Long-term: evaluate after 5 years
 - Standing Committee

Board Report – Attachment 3

- Initial Analysis of BRC's Recommended Next Steps
 - Applicable policies
 - What policies are in place that relate to the next step?
 - Implementation processes
 - Do we already have processes to address this issue?
 - Timeframe
 - When should we begin assessing the next step?
 - Standing Committees to assess next step
 - Current efforts
 - What is currently being done?

Preliminary Findings

- 18 next steps have
 - Applicable policies
 - Implementation processes
 - Current efforts that are either implementing or assessing the recommended next step

Preliminary Findings

- 4 next steps need further input
 - No applicable policies
 - No implementation processes
 - Need committee input

Diversified Water Portfolio and Investments

7 - Consider co-development of unsubsidized pilot projects demonstrating the viability of medium-scale local supply development

Applicable Policy - No

Implementation Process - No

Current Efforts - Yes

Timeframe - near term

Standing Committee – WP&S

- Member agency proposals evaluated on a case-by-case basis
- Potential cost-effective projects for Board consideration for further investigation

Provider of Integrated Water Services

#14 - Evaluate potential benefits, costs, and constraints for water trading among members, including implementation of several pilot projects

Applicable Policy - No

Implementation Process - No

Current Efforts - Yes

Timeframe - ongoing

Standing Committee – F & I

- Trading of tier 1 water supply limits have been raised in Rate Refinement Process

Governance and Operations

#18 – Initiate an external review of governance structure

Applicable Policy - No

Implementation Process - No

Current Efforts - No

Timeframe

Standing Committee - Exec

- Historically, Board reviewed its own governance as needed
- External review for overarching advice
 - Blue Ribbon Committee in 2009
 - Blue Ribbon Task Force in 1993

Governance and Operations

#19 - Begin a process to consider changes to MWD's existing vision and mission statements

Applicable Policy - Yes

Implementation Process - Yes

Current Efforts – completed
Nov 2009

Timeframe

Standing Committee - Exec

- Strategic Policy Review completed in November 2009

- Strategic Plan process in 2000 prior to 2004 IRP

- Strategic Assembly process in 1995 leading up to the 1996 IRP

Committee Schedule

- Meeting 3 – Nov. 8
 - Continue discussion on next steps
 - Review second draft of report
- Meeting 4 – Dec. 13
 - Review final draft report

Open Discussion

Blue Ribbon Report Recommendations

