

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
Meeting Minutes ~ May 23, 3005**

Members in attendance: Dave Irwin, Chair; Tom Burns, Vice-Chair; Mark Bornheim; Malcolm Brown; Bob Hunter; Rick Mattila; Chris McCabe, Town Manager; Joan Meschino; Ed Petrilak; Mike Blanchard – Alternate.

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:25 p.m.

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Items for Discussion: Taken out of order, R. Mattila reported that he, T. Burns, E. Petrilak and J. Meschino met with representatives of numerous regulatory agencies potentially responsible for permitting a desalination project. Overall it was a positive discussion. The regulatory agencies were generally receptive of such a project and interested in further dialogue as the project develops. The regulatory agencies highlighted three important considerations: regionalization, estuary protection and *Smart* growth.

Chairman's Topics: The committee members reviewed the results of individual ranking of the seven respondents to the Request for Qualifications for Water System Feasibility Analysis With A Desalination Treatment Plan dated March 29, 2005.

MOTION by M. Blanchard, **SECOND** by T. Burns, to schedule interviews with SEA Consultants, Inc. and Wright-Pierce. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

The WRC expressed a preference to interview both companies on the same day. The Chair will try to the schedule interviews for June 13, 2005. In anticipation of the June 6th meeting, each committee member will develop potential interview questions for discussion.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2005
7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

June 13, 2006
7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

MOTION by M. Brown, **SECOND** by M. Bornheim, to adjourn meeting. **APPROVED**, unanimously.

9:05 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____