



Memorandum

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Tom Sigmund

DATE: January 15, 2015

SUBJECT: January Commission Meeting – Executive Director's Report

- a) The February Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- b) Commissioner Meinz asked staff to put an item on the January agenda to discuss the November and December 2015 Commission meeting schedule. In 2014 the November Commission meeting scheduled right before Thanksgiving was cancelled, and a meeting was held on December 4 that combined the November and December meetings. Staff proposes for Commission consideration that same approach for 2015 by combining the November and December meetings into a single meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. The draft agenda provided in the December 4, 2014 Commission packet had an incorrect date for the December meeting. A revised 2015 schedule is attached.
- c) Staff proposes conducting a budget workshop at the end of September beginning at 5:30 p.m., in addition to the regular Commission meeting scheduled for September 23. The meeting would begin with a budget presentation, followed by questions and comments from the Commission and comments from NEW Water customers or public in attendance at the meeting.
- d) Staff proposes posting NEW Water email addresses for each Commissioner on the NEW Water website should customers wish to provide comments directly to the Commission.
- e) NEW Water will receive the 2015 National Environmental Achievement Award in the Public Information & Education, Educational Program category for its World Water Day Educational Program at the National Association of Clean Water Agencies February Winter Conference.
- f) NEW Water is working with EPC Consultants on an update to NEW Water's strategic plan. The plan was last updated in August 2011. The process will begin in February and will involve the Commission and management staff from NEW Water, as well as information gathering from some of the customers.
- g) NEW Water has been notified that it is a finalist and will receive funding for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant for the Adaptive Management Pilot Project in Silver Creek in the amount of \$1,686,699. The grant will be for a five-year period beginning April 1, 2015.

Attachment