

MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD
TO THE
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DIVISION OF SAFE DRINKING WATER
ON CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

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DARRIN PRICE, CHAIRMAN
LYNN FORSBERG
CHET AUCKLY
CAMERON MCKAY

ALSO PRESENT

MARCELLUS JONES
HARVEY JOHNSON
DEBBIE KAYE
DARCY BURKE
ANNETTE GUTHRIE
CRYSTEL MONTECINOS
DOUG ZIMMERMAN
STEVE BROCKWAY
JOHN WALKER
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4 1. CALL TO ORDER

10:19:36 5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I want to thank you all for
10:31:55 6 coming. This is a meeting of the Advisory Board to the
10:31:57 7 State Bureau of Environmental Protection, the Division of
10:32:01 8 Safe Drinking Water on the Certification of Operators of
10:32:02 9 Public Water Systems.

10:32:0510 Mr. Secretary, could I have a roll call,
10:32:0711 please.

12 2. ROLL CALL

10:32:0913 MEMBER MCKAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Chet
10:32:1014 Auckly.

10:32:1115 MEMBER AUCKLY: Here.

10:32:1116 MEMBER MCKAY: Lynn Forsberg.

10:32:1217 MEMBER FORSBERG: Here.

10:32:1618 MEMBER MCKAY: Harvey Johnson.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Here.

10:32:1620 MEMBER MCKAY: Marcellus Jones.

21 MR. JONES: Here.

10:32:1822 MEMBER MCKAY: Cameron McKay, here.

10:32:1923 Marie Pollack?

10:32:2124 Darrin Price.

10:32:2225 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Here.

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10:32:24 1 MEMBER McKAY: You have a quorum,

10:32:25 2 Mr. Chairman.

10:32:25 3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: For the benefit of the
10:32:27 4 audience, I would like to state a couple of things first.
10:32:30 5 One is that at a prior meeting we had nominated, this
10:32:36 6 Advisory Board had nominated two additional members to
10:32:39 7 fill two vacant seats we had. One of those was Mr. Harvey
10:32:45 8 Johnson with the Incline Village General Improvement
10:32:49 9 District, who is sitting to my left here. Hello, Harvey.
10:32:53 10 The other is Marcellus Jones with the Las Vegas Water
10:32:56 11 District; correct?

10:32:58 12 MR. JONES: Yes.

10:32:58 13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Both of these gentlemen were
10:33:00 14 nominated and approved by this Advisory Board to be on the
10:33:06 15 Board, to fill those vacancies. However, at this time
10:33:10 16 they have not as of yet been approved by the Environmental
10:33:16 17 Commission. By no fault of their own, there were several
10:33:19 18 changes going on at that time.

10:33:23 19 Andy Huray left the Bureau, and at the same
10:33:28 20 time they were moving from the Bureau of Health Protection
10:33:31 21 Services over to the Nevada Division of Environmental
10:33:33 22 Protection. So I have asked both of them to participate
10:33:38 23 on this Board today. As far as I'm concerned, they are
10:33:41 24 Board members.

10:33:42 25 However, until their confirmation by the

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10:33:45 1 Commission, they will not be able to vote. But I welcome
10:33:47 2 both of you to the Board. Thank you for coming.

10:33:50 3 MR. JONES: Thank you.

10:33:52 4 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

5 3. INTRODUCTION OF DOUG ZIMMERMAN

10:33:54 6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Item No. 3 on our agenda
10:33:55 7 today is the introduction of Doug Zimmerman. Doug is the
10:34:01 8 new guy that we're going to be talking to quite a bit.
10:34:06 9 Doug, I would like you to introduce yourself and your
10:34:09 10 title and things that are going on over there at the
10:34:12 11 Commission, please.

10:34:13 12 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay. Well, I'm Doug
10:34:15 13 Zimmerman. I'm the new Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Safe
10:34:18 14 Drinking Water.

10:34:19 15 Just to give you a little background on
10:34:21 16 myself, I have been with the Division for about 20 years
10:34:26 17 now, and I have been the Bureau Chief in a number of the
10:34:30 18 Bureaus, the Mining Bureau, Corrective Action, which is
10:34:34 19 the cleanup and waste management, and when the Bureau
10:34:40 20 moved over from Health, of course, as Darrin said, Andy
10:34:44 21 came along with it, and then left shortly thereafter.

10:34:50 22 My interest has always been in the water
10:34:54 23 field. Before joining NDEP, I was with the Desert
10:34:58 24 Research Institute down in Las Vegas for eight years, and
10:35:02 25 did a lot of water supply and development work. So I saw

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10:35:05 1 this as an opportunity to get back directly in that water
10:35:09 2 field where I started out, and really looking forward to
10:35:15 3 working with the staff and the Board here.

10:35:20 4 As far as I guess major items, and this would
10:35:23 5 be the appropriate time, I can comment on the State
10:35:25 6 Environmental Commission meeting that occurred last week.

10:35:28 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Sure.

10:35:29 8 MR. ZIMMERMAN: The revised operator
10:35:31 9 certification regulations passed, and that was I know a
10:35:34 10 big effort of this Board and the subcommittee, and we
10:35:38 11 appreciated the attendance of Darrin and Darcy and Debbie
10:35:42 12 and Phil. And who else did we have there? They sat
10:35:46 13 through an entire meeting, and it was the last item on the
10:35:50 14 agenda, and I know the Commission appreciated that, too.

10:35:56 15 If I can, I'll introduce staff who are with
10:35:58 16 me. John Walker is the Executive Secretary for the State
10:36:03 17 Environmental Commission. As you know, the Advisory Board
10:36:07 18 actually provides advice to the Commission. So John will
10:36:10 19 most likely be a regular representative here, too, at the
10:36:14 20 meetings.

10:36:15 21 And to his right is Janet Hess, the Deputy
10:36:19 22 Attorney General, and Janet will provide the legal advice
10:36:22 23 to the Advisory Board.

10:36:24 24 And you all know Steve Brockway.

10:36:29 25 I think that is it as far as introductions.

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10:36:32 1 Anything else or any questions for me, I would be happy to
10:36:34 2 answer.

10:36:34 3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I appreciate that, Doug. I
10:36:36 4 would ask, did you bring some -- do you have new business
10:36:40 5 cards for your new position and stuff?

10:36:43 6 MR. ZIMMERMAN: As of this date we don't have
10:36:45 7 any business cards or letterhead. We moved into a new
10:36:47 8 building. There have been a lot of changes for the
10:36:49 9 Division. In addition to these folks joining us from
10:36:53 10 Health, at the same time we moved into a new building, and
10:36:57 11 we have yet to have new letterhead or new business cards.
10:37:01 12 So we're all anxiously awaiting those.

10:37:03 13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I would just ask, and I'm
10:37:06 14 sorry, I know we all do this -- this is Darrin for the
10:37:09 15 record -- I would ask that those of you when you do talk,
10:37:12 16 please introduce yourself briefly or just state your name
10:37:16 17 for our recorder. I always forget that at the beginning,
10:37:19 18 and I apologize.

10:37:21 19 When you do get your new cards and stuff,
10:37:24 20 could you make sure they get disseminated to the Board so
10:37:27 21 that we have that information to contact you?

10:37:31 22 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, definitely.

10:37:33 23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Before we get going with the
10:37:34 24 rest of the agenda, I do have a couple of people I want to
10:37:37 25 introduce. With us today we have Janet Hess, who is with

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10:37:42 1 the Deputy Attorney General with the Nevada Department of
10:37:46 2 Justice. Thank you for attending today, Janet. Really
10:37:48 3 appreciate it.

10:37:49 4 MS. HESS: My pleasure.

10:37:50 5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: She will be our legal
10:37:51 6 counsel advising us in case we stray too far.

10:37:54 7 Also I want to acknowledge that we do have
10:37:57 8 our section chair, Dave Phillips, here today. Thank you
10:37:59 9 for attending our meeting. I appreciate that as well.

10:38:0210 And we have the up and coming Chair present
10:38:0511 who has been at our meetings for a long, long time, and
10:38:1012 she will be crowned on Wednesday, and that is Debbie Kaye.
10:38:1613 I appreciate Debbie being here as well.

14 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

10:38:1915 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We'll go ahead and move on
10:38:2116 to Agenda Item No. 4, which is public comment. We cannot
10:38:2417 take any action, but we open for any comment from the
10:38:2718 public, if anyone would like to see something on a future
10:38:3119 agenda or if they have anything that they would like to
10:38:3420 share as far as ideas.

10:38:3821 Seeing none, we'll go ahead and move on to
10:38:4022 Agenda Item No. 5, which is approval of the minutes of the
10:38:4323 July 27, 2005 meeting.

24 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10:38:4825 MEMBER AUCKLY: Move to approve.

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10:38:49 1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We have a motion to approve
10:38:51 2 those minutes. Do we have a second?

10:38:55 3 MEMBER FORSBERG: Second.

10:38:55 4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We have a second. Prior to
10:38:56 5 the vote do we have any further discussion?

10:38:58 6 I had one small change on the copies that I
10:39:02 7 had. It was page number 64 where it was a comment that
10:39:07 8 was stated by me, and it was actually made by Darcy Burke.
10:39:11 9 So I did inform you about that. Thank you.

10:39:1410 We have a motion and second on the floor.
10:39:1511 All those in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed?
10:39:2112 Motion carries.

10:39:2213 (Whereupon, the motion was put to a vote and
carried unanimously.)

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15 6. APPROVAL OF ACCREDITED LIST OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
OR NEVADA OPERATORS

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10:39:2317 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Agenda Item No. 6 is the
10:39:2418 approval of the accredited list of educational resources
10:39:2719 for Nevada operators.

10:39:3120 Let's go ahead and start with Debbie.
10:39:3621 Debbie, would you like to make a couple of comments about
10:39:3822 that?

10:39:3923 MS. KAYE: Yes, Debbie Kaye for the record.

10:39:4124 These are the -- in your packet, the blue
10:39:4725 papers are for distribution and the yellow papers are for

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10:39:54 1 treatment. And I have already sent this information to
10:39:57 2 Steve for it to be posted on the website, and it has the
10:40:01 3 recommended study materials for both distribution and
10:40:05 4 treatment, as well as the range of knowledge.

10:40:11 5 I just noticed an error. It's not proposed
10:40:15 6 range. It is the expected range on treatment. So we need
10:40:19 7 to get that corrected.

10:40:25 8 So we had some information that came over in
10:40:27 9 the transition from the Bureau of Health at NDEP that
10:40:35 10 wasn't correct, it was old information. This is all the
10:40:36 11 new information that needs to be given and available to
10:40:41 12 the operators for what the recommended study materials
10:40:43 13 are, as well as the range of knowledge.

10:40:48 14 Does anybody have any questions?

10:40:50 15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: This is Darrin for the
10:40:53 16 record. These two ranges for the treatment and
10:40:59 17 distribution, these are approved by your Division, Doug,
10:41:05 18 or Steve? Are you directly approving those? I want to
10:41:08 19 make sure that I understand who is suggesting that.

10:41:15 20 MS. BURKE: Darcy Burke, California-Nevada
10:41:17 21 AWWA.

10:41:18 22 That list was developed by the certification
10:41:20 23 committee, the subject matter experts that developed the
10:41:23 24 exam. So I don't know -- and that's been approved for the
10:41:27 25 certification board of the section. I know Phil

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10:41:29 1 Holderness, our certification director, is here if we have
10:41:32 2 questions about that. But that was -- the committee
10:41:34 3 developed this based on how the exams are developed.

10:41:38 4 So that's where the list comes from. And so
10:41:42 5 each -- it is a cumulative test. So as you get higher up
10:41:46 6 in grade, you would need to know all of that material.

10:41:50 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So how are things added to
10:41:52 8 the list?

10:41:54 9 MS. BURKE: If a new question or a range of
10:41:57 10 area is needed and questions have to be developed and they
10:42:00 11 are outside of this list of books, the list would be
10:42:04 12 amended.

10:42:06 13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And it's amended just
10:42:08 14 directly through the section? Does it go through a
10:42:11 15 committee?

10:42:12 16 MS. BURKE: The treatment committee or the
10:42:13 17 distribution committee.

10:42:15 18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Right.

10:42:18 19 MS. BURKE: And then it would go to the
10:42:18 20 certification board.

10:42:20 21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Lynn.

10:42:21 22 MEMBER FORSBERG: Lynn Forsberg for the
10:42:22 23 record.

10:42:23 24 Just to clarify, these are distance learning
10:42:30 25 courses or correspondence type courses; correct?

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10:42:34 1 MS. KAYE: These are the books. These are
10:42:36 2 the texts that the exams are written from. Because in
10:42:40 3 order for the exam to be valid, you need to be able to
10:42:45 4 reference a text. That's part of developing the
10:42:49 5 questions.

10:42:50 6 So these lists are the books that the
10:42:54 7 questions are taken from. So these are the reference
10:42:56 8 materials.

10:42:58 9 MEMBER FORSBERG: What I was driving at was
10:42:59 10 to just make it clear that we're not expecting somebody to
10:43:03 11 go to California and attend classes.

10:43:06 12 MS. KAYE: No, you can order these books.
10:43:07 13 Anybody has access to these books. These are the study
10:43:09 14 materials. These are different than the post-secondary
10:43:12 15 education. That's two different things.

10:43:16 16 These are the texts from which the questions
10:43:19 17 are derived.

10:43:21 18 MEMBER FORSBERG: Okay. Thank you.

10:43:22 19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Are there any other
10:43:23 20 questions from the Board?

10:43:26 21 MS. BURKE: Chairman, I have a question.

10:43:29 22 Steve, what format do you need this in to get
10:43:31 23 this fixed on the website?

10:43:34 24 MR. BROCKWAY: Well, I think John can answer
10:43:36 25 that one.

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10:43:38 1 MR. WALKER: For the record, I'm John Walker.
10:43:39 2 I'm with the staff of the State Environmental Commission.
10:43:41 3 I also wear a couple of other hats. I run the website at
10:43:45 4 NDEP.

10:43:48 5 MS. BURKE: Welcome, John.

10:43:48 6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Welcome to our meeting.

10:43:54 7 MR. WALKER: We have a policy, kind of an
10:43:56 8 unwritten policy at NDEP where we want something on the
10:44:00 9 web, we get it on the web. So it is a nice process.

10:44:0410 MS. KAYE: I have sent this to Steve. So it
10:44:0611 should just be a matter of you forwarding it.

10:44:0912 MR. BROCKWAY: Well, I had to have one of the
10:44:1013 secretaries of the part-time gals get it all run. I tried
10:44:1414 to e-mail it to John last week, and it came back
10:44:1715 undeliverable. So now we're getting together and make
10:44:2116 sure it doesn't.

10:44:2217 MR. WALKER: Could you send them in Word
10:44:2318 files?

10:44:2419 MS. KAYE: Word and Excel.

10:44:2620 MR. WALKER: That is fine.

10:44:2721 MS. KAYE: I can send it directly to you.

10:44:2922 MR. WALKER: That would probably be best.

10:44:3423 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Actually, we have Agenda
10:44:3524 Item No. 9 where we're going to go into detailed
10:44:3825 discussion about some of our challenges for the websites

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10:44:41 1 and stuff.

10:44:44 2 MS. KAYE: Can you give me your e-mail
10:44:45 3 address?

10:44:46 4 MR. WALKER: It is on the home page of NDEP's
10:44:48 5 website.

10:44:57 6 MS. KAYE: Thank you.

10:45:00 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Is there any further Board
10:45:01 8 discussion?

10:45:03 9 MEMBER AUCKLY: I move to approve these
10:45:05 10 materials.

10:45:06 11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We have a motion on the
10:45:07 12 floor. Is there a second?

10:45:08 13 MEMBER MCKAY: I'll second that.

10:45:09 14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Second by Cameron McKay. Is
10:45:11 15 there any further discussion?

10:45:12 16 We have a motion and a second on the floor.

10:45:14 17 All those in favor please signify by saying aye. Any

10:45:18 18 opposed? The motion carries.

19 (Whereupon, the motion was put to a vote
20 and carried unanimously.)

21 7. UPDATE ON SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON POSSIBLE NAC
22 CHANGES

10:45:21 23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Agenda Item No. 7 is the
10:45:24 24 update from the subcommittee, and I believe this is on the
10:45:30 25 possible NAC changes. This may be the last time this is

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10:45:33 1 on our agenda; is that correct?

10:45:36 2 Before we get started, too, I want to make

10:45:42 3 sure that I have the full list of subcommittee members.

10:45:44 4 Because what I have now is Darcy, Debbie and Phil. And

10:45:50 5 there was a few others. Correct?

10:45:54 6 MS. BURKE: Tom Hopper.

10:45:55 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Tom Hopper with Carson City.

10:45:57 8 MS. BURKE: Bob Foerster, Nevada Rural Water.

10:46:03 9 Steve Brockway and Jeff Gebhart and Darrin Price.

10:46:19 10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Well, I did participate but

10:46:22 11 not as much as some of the others. Now this was the

10:46:28 12 entire list, Darcy?

10:46:30 13 MS. BURKE: Yes.

10:46:31 14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Because before we get going,

10:46:33 15 and we are going to talk about this, that you are on the

10:46:38 16 committee, and those of you present today, Steve, Darcy,

10:46:41 17 Phil and Debbie, you get an extreme thank you from this

10:46:44 18 Chairman on not only all of your hard work but for

10:46:47 19 sticking with it for so long and going through all the

10:46:51 20 hoops and hurdles and everything that you have had to go

10:46:53 21 through. As a matter of fact, I want to thank you very

10:46:56 22 much.

23 (Applause.)

10:47:00 24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You guys did outstanding

10:47:02 25 work.

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10:47:05 1 MEMBER AUCKLY: Chet Auckly.

10:47:06 2 Maybe what we should do is have the Board

10:47:08 3 send them a congratulatory type letter signed by you.

10:47:13 4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I think that is a great

10:47:14 5 idea. Matter of fact, maybe the entire Board can sign it.

10:47:20 6 MS. BURKE: Darcy, AWWA.

10:47:22 7 The section really is appreciative of all the

10:47:25 8 efforts as well. So Wednesday this subcommittee will be

10:47:29 9 receiving a special award that the section approved, and

10:47:34 10 they will be given to the subcommittee members.

10:47:37 11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Excellent. We won't try and

10:47:41 12 trump you. We will just add to it.

10:47:45 13 You guys did outstanding work. With that

10:47:47 14 said, as a matter of fact, Phil, why don't we turn to you

10:47:51 15 this time and you can give us a little update on where

10:47:55 16 things stand and how things went and all that.

10:48:00 17 MR. WALSAK: Good morning. Phil Walsack,

10:48:01 18 Farr West Engineering, for the record.

10:48:03 19 The regulations you have in your packet. I

10:48:05 20 believe we're changing colors of the sheets of paper now

10:48:07 21 instead of just the colors of the text. The green package

10:48:11 22 is almost final. There are two last additions to it.

10:48:21 23 Doug can correct me if I'm wrong. The

10:48:23 24 distribution classes that was listed on page 15, there was

10:48:29 25 a -- I don't know if we can officially -- we're going

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10:48:33 1 to -- in the new regulations the point total between the
10:48:37 2 Distribution-3 grade and the Distribution-4 grade is
10:48:41 3 increased by one on each end. So the top of the
10:48:47 4 Distribution-3 goes to 41, and the bottom of the
10:48:51 5 Distribution-4 goes to 42.

10:48:55 6 In addition, there was one combination
10:49:00 7 treatment ozone and ultraviolet light that now receives 10
10:49:05 8 points, and that's going to be several pages following in
10:49:11 9 the items for treatment classification on page 17.

10:49:1710 With those two additions, the State
10:49:2011 Environmental Commission approved these regulations.

10:49:2812 I'm trying to figure out who to bequeath the
10:49:3113 four binders I have of drafts to. John is raising his
10:49:3714 hand like he wants those. They come with an Office Depot
10:49:4015 box. There is about 12 inches of paper, and it's a who's
10:49:4316 who of Nevada's regulatory folks and of this Advisory
10:49:4917 Board.

10:49:4918 There are many members who no longer sit
10:49:5219 here, some have moved to other states. Nobody has passed
10:49:5620 away yet, I think. As such they should probably accept a
10:50:0021 commendation all the way from Galen Denio from four years
10:50:0322 ago who suggested that we ought to do this. Curse him.

10:50:1123 With that, this working group no longer has
10:50:1624 work to do, I am proud to say. Although I see that
10:50:2025 Mr. Zimmerman is trying to coax us into doing other things

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10:50:23 1 as well, like the operator certification regulations for
10:50:26 2 waste water treatment. We'll see how the working
10:50:30 3 committee feels about that after four years of this
10:50:33 4 effort. He can probably talk us into it, though.

10:50:39 5 I'd like to thank the Advisory Board for the
10:50:42 6 last moments of Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, working
10:50:48 7 through what we worked through to try to reach consensus
10:50:51 8 at the ninth hour. Many folks were willing to bend but
10:50:58 9 not break. Mr. Auckly and Mr. Forsberg are two of them
10:51:03 10 that bent as far as they could bend. I thank you for that
10:51:08 11 because had we not had that consensus, it would have been
10:51:12 12 a very interesting meeting.

10:51:16 13 You guys have done a lot of work towards this
10:51:18 14 end, and we appreciate all the work and support that the
10:51:21 15 Advisory Board did supporting the operator certification
10:51:24 16 regulations and the working group's effort.

10:51:29 17 I think the crowning comment came from the
10:51:32 18 Chairman after -- I'm sorry, Mr. Zimmerman -- but after
10:51:35 19 the one set of regulations that they discussed in all 52
10:51:39 20 or 53 parts, they said of ours, very well written and
10:51:42 21 wanted to move on. Didn't find any typos, any comments.
10:51:50 22 I think Mr. Price answered their only comment, which was
10:51:53 23 about pigging, what does pigging really mean, but after
10:51:57 24 that, there was nothing of substance, and substantial
10:52:00 25 comment from this Environmental Commission. My hats off

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10:52:04 1 to everyone who worked on this project.

10:52:07 2 As I know Mr. Forsberg is getting ready to
10:52:09 3 retire, this will probably be one of his crowning moments,
10:52:14 4 was these regulations, rather than some of the work he's
10:52:17 5 done in Elko County. These will probably last longer than
10:52:20 6 the work we have done in the field. Congratulations to
10:52:23 7 this Advisory Board.

10:52:27 8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And the subcommittee. Thank
10:52:28 9 you, Phil, for that update and we appreciate that.

10:52:30 10 Darcy or Debbie, do you guys have anything to
10:52:33 11 add? You were at that meeting, we got it through. So
10:52:39 12 it's a done deal now.

10:52:43 13 This isn't an action item. We'll go on to
10:52:47 14 Agenda Item No. 8, which is the action item, which is the
10:52:49 15 status report and clarification of the temporarily adopted
10:52:54 16 revisions. Doug.

17 8. STATUS REPORT AND CLARIFICATION ON TEMPORARY ADOPTED
10:52:56 18 REVISIONS TO OPERATOR CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS

10:52:56 19 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Doug Zimmerman for the
10:52:58 20 record.

10:52:58 21 As you heard Phil comment and Darrin also, it
10:53:02 22 really was -- the Commission, even though they were new to
10:53:05 23 this set of regulations, very quickly recognized that it
10:53:09 24 was a set of regulations put together with input from the
10:53:15 25 people who are affected by it. And that really is

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10:53:17 1 critical to the Commission. If they know there's been
10:53:21 2 participation by the folks who will be affected by these
10:53:27 3 regulations, that makes just a world of difference to
10:53:30 4 them. When they can see buy-in from the regulated
10:53:34 5 community, then their comfort level goes way up. And we
10:53:38 6 saw that in the Commission meeting -- last Wednesday?

10:53:46 7 MR. WALKER: Tuesday.

10:53:47 8 MR. ZIMMERMAN: -- Tuesday. As Darrin
10:53:48 9 mentioned, the set of regulations just previous to this,
10:53:50 10 the water regulations, I think we spent close to two to
10:53:54 11 three hours on, and we went through it section by section.
10:54:00 12 And the Commission really struggled with that set of
10:54:02 13 regulations. They did, ultimately, pass them.

10:54:06 14 So I think it is a compliment to the group
10:54:10 15 that you were able to put together such a well-written set
10:54:13 16 of regulations and work through those changes right at the
10:54:17 17 last minute. That was an interesting process for me to
10:54:21 18 come in at the last minute and be dealing with this set of
10:54:24 19 changes.

10:54:25 20 But we got those through. I think John
10:54:29 21 perhaps can fill us in on now the final steps in what
10:54:33 22 these regulations need to go through. Is it a new
10:54:36 23 legislative commission, John?

10:54:39 24 MR. WALKER: John Walker for the record.

10:54:41 25 Yes. There was a law passed last legislative

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10:54:44 1 session that now requires all regulations to go before the
10:54:48 2 legislative commission before they are codified in the
10:54:53 3 Nevada Administrative Code.

10:54:54 4 What we will do this week or next, because
10:54:57 5 when I get to it, is file these two regulations that Doug
10:55:02 6 presented to the SEC. I will file them with a filing
10:55:06 7 statement, which is the background about how the
10:55:10 8 regulation was developed, et cetera, the public meetings,
10:55:13 9 so on, so forth, which is required process. I will file
10:55:17 10 them with the legislative counsel bureau.

10:55:20 11 They are in the process of establishing a
10:55:22 12 meeting date where the legislative commission will meet
10:55:25 13 and they will review all the regulations before them,
10:55:28 14 which they will probably have 40 or 50 sets. It's all of
10:55:31 15 the executive branch, their regulations at this point in
10:55:34 16 time that will have to be approved or denied by the
10:55:37 17 legislative commission.

10:55:40 18 They will do that, and then they will be
10:55:43 19 approved, I'm sure, and the regulations will then at some
10:55:46 20 point in the future be codified into the Nevada
10:55:49 21 Administrative Code on-line. I don't know when that
10:55:52 22 happens.

10:55:54 23 But once the Commission does approve the
10:55:57 24 regulations, I will then post them on the SEC website in a
10:56:00 25 new area, new page that I think we're going to be talking

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10:56:04 1 about next on the agenda items. So all your users will be
10:56:07 2 able to go there and have them, and then once I discover
10:56:11 3 that they have been codified, I will grab the codified
10:56:15 4 regulations off of the LCB website and put them on the SEC
10:56:21 5 website so users can find them in both places. So that's
10:56:25 6 the process.

10:56:27 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Do you anticipate -- Darrin
10:56:29 8 for the record -- is it pretty smooth through that process
10:56:33 9 when it goes before this legislative commission?

10:56:39 10 MR. WALKER: I would suspect if an interest
10:56:41 11 group or some politicians or other folks may want to play
10:56:46 12 politics with a regulation, they can do so at that point.
10:56:53 13 And there is nothing the executive branch can do about
10:56:55 14 that.

10:56:57 15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: John, just quickly, you have
10:57:00 16 to put in a brief history regarding the regulation. So
10:57:03 17 you can put in there that it was approved by the State
10:57:05 18 Board of Health and also the Environmental Commission and
10:57:08 19 all the workshops were held, et cetera. Because it was
10:57:10 20 actually approved by both the State Board of Health and
10:57:13 21 the Environmental Commission, and I think that's
10:57:15 22 important, if you could just make sure that is noted in
10:57:17 23 there, that history portion.

10:57:19 24 MR. WALKER: Actually, I'm forced by statutes
10:57:26 25 to go through a process that presents that kind of

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10:57:29 1 information. So I'll go back and dig out all the public
10:57:31 2 notice information, all the history, and it will be there,
10:57:36 3 and I'll make it convincing.

10:57:40 4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I don't envy you to research
10:57:43 5 all that.

10:57:44 6 I do have one other question. Harvey with
10:57:46 7 Incline. I know Dan St. John with Incline Village was
10:57:50 8 present at the Environmental Commission. Unfortunately,
10:57:51 9 he had to leave, because the rest of us sat there all day.
10:57:55 10 Does Incline feel pretty satisfied with the small reg
10:57:59 11 change, especially with the point system that we have
10:58:02 12 done?

10:58:03 13 MR. JOHNSON: I haven't had a chance --
10:58:05 14 Harvey Johnson for the record.

10:58:07 15 I haven't had a chance to talk with Dan as I
10:58:09 16 was gone last week. But it does look like the changes
10:58:14 17 that Incline Village asked for are included in there.

10:58:19 18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Does anybody on the
10:58:20 19 subcommittee anticipate anybody that we're going to have
10:58:23 20 to talk to to assure prior to this going on? Should be
10:58:31 21 okay?

10:58:34 22 You guys will let us know if somebody pops
10:58:36 23 out of the woodwork, though; right?

10:58:40 24 MS. BURKE: Yes.

10:58:44 25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: This is stated as an action

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10:58:45 1 item on our agenda. I don't know what we have to vote for
10:58:48 2 on this thing.

10:58:50 3 MEMBER AUCKLY: Move to approve the revisions
10:58:54 4 to operator certification regulations.

10:58:54 5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's do this one last time.

10:58:57 6 MEMBER MCKAY: I'll second that.

10:58:58 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We have a motion and second
10:58:59 8 on the floor. All in favor? Any opposed? Motion
10:59:02 9 carries.

10:59:02 10 (Whereupon, the motion was put to a vote and
11 carried unanimously.)

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12 9. DISCUSSION ON WEBSITE IDEAS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS
13 BOTH ON CA-NV-AWWA AND THE STATE OF NEVADA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WEBSITES

10:59:03 14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's move on to Agenda Item
10:59:06 15 No. 9, which is a discussion on the website ideas, both on
10:59:11 16 the section website and the Nevada Environmental
10:59:16 17 Commission or the Nevada Environmental Protection website.

10:59:18 18 This has been an ongoing discussion, if you
10:59:23 19 will, and I'm going to go ahead and open this up. Because
10:59:26 20 what I would like to say is that when the website
10:59:29 21 materials were brought over from the state -- from the
10:59:35 22 Bureau of Health Protection Services over to the
10:59:39 23 Environmental site, there are still corrections that need
10:59:45 24 to be made, especially for some of those things regarding
10:59:48 25 this Advisory Board.

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10:59:50 1 The members of the Board need to be updated.
10:59:53 2 Also their officer positions, and any of the additional
10:59:58 3 phone numbers and addresses, et cetera.

11:00:01 4 Steve, I know you are well aware of this. As
11:00:04 5 a matter of fact, I believe when that stuff was brought
11:00:06 6 over, Lynn, distinguished Past Chairman, this was several
11:00:12 7 years ago, and I believe he is still listed as Chairman.
11:00:15 8 And as a matter of fact, I think Galen is still listed on
11:00:22 9 there, and he's been gone for a few years now.

11:00:25 10 Anyway, I wanted to open it up with that.
11:00:27 11 Any of the other Board members, please share your
11:00:31 12 comments, or staff, regarding this.

11:00:35 13 I really want to see that updated, because I
11:00:37 14 have noticed that a lot of the contact we can give with
11:00:41 15 operators, I like to refer them to the websites. If they
11:00:45 16 go to these websites for information and it is incorrect,
11:00:48 17 it is kind of embarrassing in a way because they are not
11:00:50 18 getting accurate information. Then we end up faxing or
11:00:53 19 going to other resources to get them. And it would be
11:00:56 20 nice to send them to a central location, either
11:01:00 21 Environmental's website or section's website. That is my
11:01:03 22 two cents that I throw in.

11:01:07 23 Darcy.

11:01:18 24 MS. BURKE: Prior we had talked about the
11:01:20 25 section putting together a website for operators for

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11:01:24 1 Nevada, because of the timeliness of getting stuff up and
11:01:28 2 the trouble Steve was having. But I would like to see
11:01:31 3 just a link to what John is doing. If we can get that so
11:01:36 4 that it is the right information.

11:01:37 5 Because I know they are frustrated because
11:01:38 6 they call. They can't find it now, they don't know where
11:01:41 7 it is, they don't know what to do. And for us it's easier
11:01:45 8 than sending them there right now not knowing what the
11:01:47 9 information is. I have been sending everything
11:01:49 10 electronically back to them, an application, whatever it
11:01:52 11 is they need, which would be nice if they could just go to
11:01:56 12 one spot and get it.

11:01:58 13 But I don't have a problem making just -- we
11:02:02 14 have links to the Department of Health Services in
11:02:04 15 California for the same thing. Just sends them right
11:02:07 16 there. And I think in some ways -- I don't mind putting
11:02:11 17 the same information up, but if this works out, it is
11:02:13 18 really updated and everything, that would be great.

11:02:22 19 MR. ZIMMERMAN: We couldn't agree more that
11:02:23 20 the web is just a great tool, and we will make that a
11:02:28 21 priority to get it updated. In fact, internally we have
11:02:33 22 assigned -- and I don't know if any of the Board members
11:02:36 23 have met Lisa Kramer, but she is one of our staff
11:02:39 24 engineers. It is just not on the operator certification
11:02:42 25 side that we need to update the website.

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11:02:45 1 Lisa just a week ago has been assigned to be
11:02:47 2 the point of contact from the Bureau to John, and John and
11:02:50 3 Lisa have started working together. So we are 100 percent
11:02:54 4 behind getting that updated and having that to be a great
11:02:58 5 resource for operators to be able to go to.

11:03:05 6 MR. WALKER: I guess the comments I would
11:03:08 7 make, when the Health Division, when they were brought
11:03:12 8 over to NDEP, I basically just went out and extracted off
11:03:16 9 the Health Division's website, which I knew a lot of that
11:03:19 10 information was outdated, I just extracted it and created
11:03:23 11 a website for Doug's new Bureau. And Lisa helped me get
11:03:30 12 some of the information in order. But there is a long way
11:03:32 13 for that information to go, a long way for that website
11:03:36 14 development process to go before it's really good.

11:03:39 15 I guess the question I have, though, is for
11:03:44 16 this Board, it would seem to me that you may want the
11:03:49 17 website on the SEC's website. Because under the statutes,
11:03:52 18 you are really part of the SEC; you are not part of the
11:03:55 19 Bureau of Safe Drinking Water.

11:03:59 20 But it really doesn't matter. That is just
11:04:01 21 an organizational issue. Because we would put links on
11:04:05 22 both and links to any outside organizations as necessary.

11:04:14 23 I made just a few notes. I think we need an
11:04:18 24 up-to-date member roster. Statutes and regulations should
11:04:22 25 be on the website, your bylaws should be on the website,

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11:04:26 1 the minutes of the meeting in kind of an encrypted
11:04:30 2 read-only basis could be on the website, and I'm working
11:04:36 3 on that arrangement. Any kind of educational materials,
11:04:41 4 your meeting notices, website links. All of those things
11:04:46 5 and more depending on what you want.

11:04:50 6 The approach that we take in building
11:04:51 7 websites at NDEP is what does the client want, what is the
11:04:55 8 business practice that the client, and you would be the
11:04:59 9 client, your business practice, how does it relate to the
11:05:02 10 website, who are your customers. Those are the kind of
11:05:05 11 things we think about when we develop a website.

11:05:08 12 So when we put the information out there, who
11:05:09 13 is it for? Is it for the operators? In your case
11:05:13 14 probably. What kind of information do they need? You
11:05:16 15 need to think through some of those things.

11:05:18 16 So I can do the mechanics, I can get the
11:05:21 17 material, but the thinking on what should go on the
11:05:24 18 website has to come from the Board. I always have this
11:05:27 19 thing, it's always the client's fault; it's never my
11:05:30 20 fault.

11:05:31 21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You know what I would say,
11:05:32 22 John. Everything that you just stated is a great start
11:05:34 23 because we want to see the new study materials list on the
11:05:39 24 website. We want to see the minutes of our meetings, the
11:05:43 25 updated members list of this Board, that you have the exam

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11:05:50 1 dates on there. Everything that you just stated this
11:05:54 2 Board would love to see on that website, and let's start
11:05:58 3 with that.

11:05:59 4 What I believe is this will be an ongoing
11:06:02 5 item on our future agendas so that we and the Board
11:06:05 6 members as we get input from operators from all over the
11:06:10 7 state and at our meetings, we'll go ahead and recommend
11:06:13 8 those additional items go to you. So that we're all in
11:06:17 9 agreement that those should be on the website, for one.
11:06:20 10 And that two, that gets updated, and I'm so glad that is
11:06:25 11 going to happen. It makes me smile inside.

11:06:31 12 MR. WALKER: Sounds like a great process.
11:06:32 13 We'll just make it happen.

11:06:33 14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Do any other members have
11:06:35 15 comments on that or general ideas? Marcellus, I know Las
11:06:38 16 Vegas Valley Water has a great website down there, being
11:06:41 17 the largest system in the state; correct?

11:06:45 18 MR. JONES: Yes.

11:06:45 19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You guys probably have a lot
11:06:47 20 of experience with this.

11:06:48 21 MR. JONES: We do. Not only with the water
11:06:51 22 district but also with other entities we have experience.
11:06:57 23 I agree that it should be something that works very well
11:07:00 24 for the operators.

11:07:07 25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Everything that you stated

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11:07:11 1 we have been requesting for a little while.

11:07:13 2 What is an anticipated time frame for some of
11:07:15 3 these things?

11:07:16 4 I'm not trying to put you under the gun or
11:07:18 5 anything. But are we looking at, say, about three months
11:07:23 6 or a while past that? Can you just give us an idea, a
11:07:27 7 rough idea?

11:07:29 8 MR. WALKER: Well, it also depends on how
11:07:32 9 fast the client provides the information.

11:07:34 10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Which leads into one of my
11:07:35 11 next questions, too. I sent an information list to Darcy.
11:07:40 12 The only one that I didn't have was one of our Board
11:07:43 13 members, Maria Pollack, who I didn't have her new
11:07:47 14 information because she is no longer with the entity she
11:07:51 15 was down in Las Vegas. She's actually retired from that
11:07:53 16 entity. I didn't have her current information. But I
11:07:57 17 believe that I had everybody's else's current information
11:07:58 18 that I sent over. She was the only one that I didn't
11:08:03 19 have.

11:08:07 20 MEMBER McKAY: I can probably get that.

11:08:08 21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Maybe what we'll do is
11:08:11 22 Mr. Secretary can send out an e-mail to all of the Board
11:08:14 23 members, they will send back all of their most current
11:08:19 24 information, and then we'll touch bases and confirm it,
11:08:23 25 and then Cameron McKay will forward this information to

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11:08:26 1 you so that you get that portion updated and done.

11:08:31 2 The recommended study materials you have in
11:08:33 3 your packet right there. All this is current.

11:08:38 4 The certification examination dates, all of
11:08:40 5 this is current. And the minutes, of course, you should
11:08:47 6 have this information as well. Darcy.

11:08:49 7 MS. BURKE: I can just send you all this
11:08:50 8 electronically, John.

11:08:53 9 MR. WALKER: That would be good. Just in the
11:08:54 10 subject line of the e-mail, you might just always write
11:08:58 11 water operator. That way when I see it, because I get
11:09:01 12 lots of e-mail.

11:09:02 13 MS. BURKE: I understand. Not a problem.

11:09:04 14 MR. WALKER: That will help me go, oh, okay.

11:09:07 15 MS. BURKE: You won't need to create
11:09:08 16 anything. It will be done.

11:09:10 17 MR. WALKER: I would say a month is a
11:09:11 18 reasonable time depending on how fast I get the
11:09:13 19 information. It could be shorter.

11:09:15 20 MS. BURKE: You will have it before you get
11:09:16 21 back.

11:09:19 22 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Mr. Chairman, as John stated
11:09:20 23 earlier, fortunately I think for all of us there isn't a
11:09:25 24 bureaucracy that's been built into the Division that he
11:09:29 25 has to send stuff up for seven different approvals. We

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11:09:32 1 get it to John, he can post it on the website.

11:09:36 2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That is wonderful.

11:09:38 3 MR. ZIMMERMAN: But I do see it sounds like
11:09:41 4 we may ultimately have two distinct websites. There will
11:09:45 5 be the NDEP operator certification website, and then an
11:09:50 6 Advisory Board website under the State Environmental
11:09:54 7 Commission, links between much shared, common information.

11:10:01 8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That is kind of what I
11:10:02 9 envision, too. I didn't know how far you guys could go
11:10:05 10 over there, though. If you guys can do that, that would
11:10:08 11 be great. So. John, that would be wonderful.

11:10:10 12 MR. WALKER: We can do it.

11:10:13 13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: All right. Is there any
11:10:14 14 further discussion on Agenda Item No. 9?

15 10. DISCUSSION ON PUTTING TOGETHER A WORKBOOK AND A
16 TRAINING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS (ORIENTATION)

11:10:18 17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's go ahead and move on
11:10:20 18 to Agenda Item No. 10, which is let's talk about putting
11:10:25 19 together a workbook or some kind of training for
11:10:27 20 orientation for new Board members.

11:10:30 21 Now this has been on here. I know, Darcy,
11:10:33 22 I'll let you speak on this, but there is like a workshop
11:10:39 23 that those committee members, I know Board members for the
11:10:43 24 section usually go through.

11:10:46 25 MS. BURKE: Are invited to at least.

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11:10:47 1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Are invited to. It talks
11:10:50 2 about what's expected, and there is a whole realm. Can
11:10:54 3 you kind of explain that a little bit?

11:10:55 4 MS. BURKE: Sure. In addition to the bylaws
11:10:57 5 and the rules and regulations and different reference or
11:11:02 6 resource material, when someone is coming to a leadership
11:11:05 7 position at section, we offer a couple hour workshop that
11:11:09 8 goes over all those things and goes into things such as
11:11:12 9 who your staff contacts are for certain things, we have a
11:11:16 10 multitude of programs, some past chairs speak, to try and
11:11:23 11 give someone an idea of what is expected of them in their
11:11:26 12 new leadership role.

11:11:28 13 So Darrin and I had a discussion at the last
11:11:31 14 video conference meeting, well, who does this for your
11:11:35 15 Board. And I think Fire was the answer.

11:11:39 16 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That was my reply.

11:11:43 17 MS. BURKE: So we were discussing what would
11:11:45 18 be useful to help all of you get on board and get up to
11:11:50 19 date, maybe know some history. I know the workshop that
11:11:53 20 Phil and I are going to do after this meeting will give
11:11:55 21 you a lot of insight that we have already talked about
11:11:57 22 that will help you I think hit the ground running, such as
11:12:02 23 exam validation and what goes into that. I know that Phil
11:12:05 24 is going to spend a lot of time going over the new regs in
11:12:08 25 case you haven't had the time. And we're going to give a

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11:12:10 1 little history as to why it is the way it is.

11:12:14 2 And the whole idea was just to try and assist
11:12:16 3 you and those that are provided training to operators in
11:12:20 4 Nevada as well, on what is that whole process. It is not
11:12:24 5 some secret thing that happens in the back. There is
11:12:26 6 actually a process that is followed and what that process
11:12:31 7 is. So there is no surprises or secrets; it is all out in
11:12:35 8 the open.

11:12:35 9 But there might be like the bylaws for this
11:12:38 10 committee or regs that this committee oversees or
11:12:41 11 information that's in your packet. I know one of the
11:12:46 12 things is you will see a map of the state of Nevada that's
11:12:48 13 divided into three. Because when later we talk about
11:12:52 14 results and exam analysis and we say, northern or central
11:12:55 15 or southern, you know what we're talking about. It is not
11:12:58 16 just some, oh, well, that is kind of in the middle, maybe
11:13:01 17 that is where that fits in. So you have some idea.

11:13:03 18 So Darrin and I thought a discussion of what
11:13:06 19 perhaps you think would be best, besides the Fire method,
11:13:11 20 to help people get oriented so you can actually do what
11:13:16 21 you are here to do. So I guess I'm looking for some
11:13:20 22 suggestions, if that's something that you would like to
11:13:23 23 see, and what is it exactly you would like to see.

11:13:31 24 I mean, Chet, you have been on the Board a
11:13:33 25 long time. What would have been helpful for you way back

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11:13:35 1 when?

11:13:36 2 MEMBER AUCKLY: I think just kind of
11:13:37 3 following the same format that we used at the section. I
11:13:43 4 think that kind of information is important. Knowing our
11:13:46 5 key forces in the State of Nevada I think is really
11:13:49 6 important.

11:13:50 7 Knowing where to get quick or valuable
11:13:53 8 information is also another issue. Also maybe
11:13:56 9 understanding more like we go through our Board members in
11:13:59 10 the section, some of our responsibilities and liabilities
11:14:01 11 that are associated with the Board.

11:14:08 12 I think we should try to make this into
11:14:11 13 almost like maybe an annual type thing where we kind of
11:14:16 14 reinforce some of the strategic issues, and then maybe
11:14:21 15 expand it each year. Because I think the more knowledge
11:14:24 16 we have, the more educated we are in what we're doing
11:14:27 17 here, the better decisions we're going to make. That is
11:14:30 18 just some of my minimal input.

11:14:33 19 MS. BURKE: That is good.

11:14:34 20 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Darcy, I'm wondering, let's
11:14:37 21 say we did an annual update it never hurts to have
11:14:40 22 updates -- and we do it at a meeting. Is that what you
11:14:43 23 were thinking, Chet?

11:14:45 24 MEMBER AUCKLY: Or I think that the
11:14:46 25 sections -- yeah, we can do it at a meeting or we could

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11:14:49 1 have a special workshop.

11:14:52 2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: The only reason I ask that,
11:14:53 3 this is the first time that I can remember we have had one
11:14:56 4 of our Board meetings at a section conference.

11:14:59 5 MEMBER AUCKLY: That's true.

11:15:00 6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So I don't know how often
11:15:01 7 those will coincide. Because usually we have these via
11:15:05 8 video teleconference. Although in the beginning many
11:15:08 9 years ago we used to fly to Vegas and then Elko when that
11:15:1410 time came, Lynn.

11:15:1511 So if we do it on an annual basis and did
11:15:1712 some updates. Because it would have to be -- say we
11:15:1913 updated the Board, but at the same time, the new members
11:15:2314 would go through this orientation type of thing.

11:15:2715 How long do you think? Because I know the
11:15:3016 one in the section is like four hours; right?

11:15:3217 MEMBER AUCKLY: It can be depending on how
11:15:3318 many participants and the questions you have. But I was
11:15:3619 thinking, not to keep it with the section conference
11:15:3820 because we move all the time. Let's be realistic.

11:15:4121 But Nevada Rural Water is very consistent.
11:15:4422 It is the meeting where you have the most participation,
11:15:4723 and I think if you want more people to want to participate
11:15:5024 even at the level that all of you are, they have to know
11:15:5325 what is expected of them. So when you have operators that

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11:15:55 1 are in that room learning about what you are doing and
11:15:57 2 what is expected, maybe in the time that is something they
11:16:00 3 plan for, yeah, I think there is a seat open, I'll put my
11:16:03 4 name in or send my resume or my application.

11:16:07 5 But I think Nevada Rural Water would probably
11:16:09 6 be a more appropriate place to do that. I mean, that is
11:16:13 7 my personal opinion. You can do it wherever you wanted us
11:16:17 8 to do it.

11:16:18 9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I think that is a great
11:16:1910 idea, actually, because you are right, those are our most
11:16:2111 well-attended meetings, at their conference.

11:16:2612 MEMBER MCKAY: So, Mr. Chairman, that would
11:16:2713 be in conjunction with our regular meeting that we do
11:16:3014 have, we tie it in? We would be able to go over bylaws,
11:16:3515 so that everybody knows what we can and cannot do?

11:16:3816 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Basically orientation. It
11:16:4017 would be who they report to, what is expected of them.

11:16:4718 MS. BURKE: Maybe basic Robert's Rules of
11:16:4919 Order, how you make a motion, what is the process of that
11:16:5220 so it is not intimidating.

11:16:5521 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That is a great idea. So
11:16:5622 now we go back to the question, if we do do it -- I guess
11:17:0323 one is who would put it together, and the Board would need
11:17:0924 to decide -- it would need to be condensed in some way.
11:17:1325 We couldn't do a four-hour block.

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11:17:16 1 MS. BURKE: I don't think you would need to
11:17:17 2 do a four-hour block. You have to realize the section
11:17:19 3 has, besides six certification programs, a water college,
11:17:23 4 an education program, a government affairs program. I
11:17:26 5 mean, the multitude of programs that a Board member is
11:17:29 6 responsible for at the section is very different than the
11:17:32 7 scope of what you are doing here. And I think probably
11:17:36 8 two hours would be more than enough.

11:17:39 9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Even that seems like a long
11:17:42 10 time. The only reason I say that is because sometimes
11:17:44 11 these meetings can go on for quite some time when there
11:17:49 12 are some hot topics. You know maybe what we could do,
11:17:52 13 I'll make a quick suggestion, is the Board agreeing that
11:17:58 14 perhaps Darcy would be the one to put a little something
11:18:01 15 together?

11:18:02 16 MEMBER MCKAY: Yes.

11:18:04 17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Her partner in crime is
11:18:05 18 laughing at the end of the table down there.

11:18:10 19 MEMBER AUCKLY: Makes a lot of sense to me.

11:18:11 20 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. This is actually not
11:18:14 21 an item to vote on. But can I ask kind of just a
11:18:21 22 consensus? Absolutely not.

11:18:25 23 MS. HESS: The consensus is the same as a
11:18:26 24 vote.

11:18:27 25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You are going to get our

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11:18:29 1 mind wave going on here.

11:18:31 2 MS. BURKE: Let me ask you this. In the
11:18:32 3 contract we have we provide administrative services to
11:18:34 4 this Board. To me that is a task. You just give me a
11:18:38 5 task, it is not a vote, give me a task providing
11:18:40 6 administrative service which I will on behalf of the
11:18:42 7 section perform.

11:18:45 8 Would that be all right?

11:18:47 9 MS. HESS: That is fine.

11:18:4710 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We're not going to vote. It
11:18:4811 is a consensus. But that sounds like a great idea.

11:18:5112 MS. HESS: Volunteer is always welcome.

11:18:5313 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I think what will happen is
11:18:5614 that once she has prepared something, we'll deliver it to
11:19:0015 the Board, you can receive comments, and if we need to
11:19:0216 pare it down from there, then we will.

11:19:0717 MS. BURKE: The December meeting I'll have
11:19:0818 something.

11:19:0919 MEMBER MCKAY: It will have to be at the
11:19:1120 December meeting because the meeting after that is the
11:19:1321 Rural Water Conference, and it would be an ideal place to
11:19:1622 have it.

11:19:1723 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Chet, did you want to say
11:19:1824 something?

11:19:1925 MEMBER AUCKLY: No, it is covered.

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11:19:20 1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Do any of the other Board
11:19:21 2 members have some comments about that?

11:19:23 3 I know I did try to send as much information
11:19:26 4 as I had, the Nevada Administrative Code, about the
11:19:31 5 formation of this Board, who we report to, some of that
11:19:35 6 stuff, to Harvey and Marcellus. I believe I did send you
11:19:39 7 guys copies of the bylaws as well? I think I did.

11:19:43 8 MEMBER MCKAY: Copies, yes.

11:19:43 9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I sent everything that I
11:19:46 10 came on the Board six, seven years ago, whenever it was,
11:19:49 11 and a lot of the revisional stuff. Because to tell you
11:19:54 12 honestly, I never got any of that stuff. It was just sit
11:19:57 13 down, and it was trial by fire, like I told Darcy.

11:19:59 14 So I think this has been a long time coming
11:20:02 15 as well. We'll wait for Darcy to get us something, and
11:20:05 16 we'll review it, and it will be on the agenda at our next
11:20:09 17 meeting.

11:20:10 18 MS. BURKE: December.

11:20:12 19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Well, hopefully -- the only
11:20:15 20 thing I can see coming up is if there are revisions, et
11:20:19 21 cetera, they will end up going on to the next meeting
11:20:23 22 because you wouldn't have time.

11:20:26 23 MS. BURKE: As a task, seeing that this is
11:20:30 24 just a task, there is no reason that fine-tuning couldn't
11:20:35 25 happen electronically.

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11:20:39 1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I refer to our counsel.

11:20:41 2 MS. HESS: I think that we need to have it
11:20:43 3 happen at an open meeting because that is where it needs
11:20:47 4 to happen. Because then you get too close to pooling and
11:20:52 5 not being a posted meeting. So you really have to worry
11:20:56 6 about that kind of thing. Because that is absolutely
11:20:59 7 illegal as in a misdemeanor.

11:21:03 8 MS. BURKE: What did we say, November 15th, I
11:21:05 9 have something out for comment to all of you, and then we
11:21:09 10 can make whatever revisions, and once what you vote on in
11:21:12 11 December will be presented in -- is it February or March?

11:21:16 12 MEMBER AUCKLY: March.

11:21:16 13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Well, I would say this. I
11:21:18 14 think that is a great idea, Darcy, and if we end up that
11:21:20 15 we don't approve it at our December meeting, then so be
11:21:24 16 it. We'll just move on to the March meeting and go from
11:21:26 17 there.

11:21:27 18 This is something that we want to make sure
11:21:30 19 we take our time on. It's a packet or a policy in place.
11:21:32 20 It's well received by new Board members.

11:21:43 21 Is there any further discussion on this item?
11:21:45 22 Darcy, do you have anything else?

11:21:47 23 MS. BURKE: No.

11:21:48 24 MR. WALKER: I have a question.

11:21:49 25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Sure.

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11:21:50 1 MR. WALKER: The end product will be -- what
11:21:53 2 do you visualize the end product being?

11:21:56 3 MS. BURKE: A binder that would have like the
11:21:57 4 bylaws and basic Robert's Rules of Order. It would
11:22:01 5 probably have the testing list, it would probably have a
11:22:04 6 summary of what I'm going to talk about this afternoon
11:22:06 7 about operator certification validation. It will have the
11:22:11 8 range of knowledge for both. It might have a question
11:22:16 9 development form, some things that we use to improve the
11:22:20 10 program.

11:22:23 11 Probably a brief list of responsibilities,
11:22:26 12 you have to attend so many meetings, this is your
11:22:29 13 responsibility, this is the liabilities of this. Staff
11:22:32 14 contacts so they know who to call, contacts of the
11:22:35 15 section. Just very generic basic information.

11:22:41 16 MR. WALKER: Well, you may want to think
11:22:44 17 about making that web-based available once it is approved
11:22:47 18 for the future. Then your operators can go and say, well,
11:22:50 19 our orientation package is on the web. So you might think
11:22:53 20 about that in the development of it.

11:22:55 21 If you use Powerpoint presentations or just
11:22:58 22 about anything that you use, we can convert in some
11:23:01 23 fashion or another to make it a package. And think about
11:23:04 24 those areas that would need to be updated, we would want
11:23:07 25 to make them separate packages so we could move the files

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11:23:12 1 in and out.

11:23:13 2 MS. BURKE: And that's probably how it would
11:23:15 3 be anyway. I mean, most of these things we already have.
11:23:18 4 So it's just fine-tuning a four-hour workshop into a
11:23:22 5 20-minute presentation.

11:23:28 6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Thank you, John.

7 11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVISORY BOARD
8 BYLAWS

11:23:33 9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Item No. 11 I had asked to
11:23:34 10 be placed on the agenda, and I'll be darned in preparing
11:23:39 11 for my committee meeting for this afternoon, I left this
11:23:43 12 portion on my desk. I apologize to the rest of the Board.

11:23:47 13 I had noticed when I sent the bylaws
11:23:50 14 information to Marcellus and Harvey, I noticed a few
11:23:55 15 tweaks that needed to be adjusted, and I was going to
11:23:58 16 bring them to the attention of the Board. However, in
11:24:03 17 leading in from what we just talked about, perhaps I'll
11:24:06 18 send that stuff to Darcy, and as she makes these
11:24:09 19 adjustments, she can make sure they are highlighted in
11:24:13 20 there, and we'll vote on them at one of our Board
11:24:16 21 meetings. But the rest of the Board can see some of the
11:24:19 22 changes.

11:24:21 23 MEMBER AUCKLY: Tabled for now.

11:24:23 24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We'll table it for now and
11:24:25 25 place it on the next meeting.

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1 12. LEGAL ADVICE ON CHANGING THE NAME OF THE ADVISORY
2 BOARD TO REFLECT NEW AGENCY AND BOARD WE REPORT TO

11:24:27 3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Agenda Item No. 12, the
11:24:28 4 reason I asked this be placed on the agenda was because
11:24:31 5 the Nevada Revised Statutes that forms this Board, which
11:24:37 6 is 445A.870, when we moved over from the State Board of
11:24:45 7 Health to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection,
11:24:49 8 I wanted to know if in fact we had to go through some sort
11:24:53 9 of legislative change whereas this Board would have to get
11:24:59 10 approved to report to the Environmental Commission.

11:25:04 11 Now from what I understand, Doug, and I
11:25:06 12 wanted you to comment, too, was that in some way this has
11:25:11 13 already happened when just I'll call it the group went
11:25:15 14 over to the Environmental Commission. But because it's an
11:25:20 15 NRS that forms this Advisory Board, I was unsure.

11:25:23 16 So not only did I want legal counsel's
11:25:25 17 advice, but Doug, I would like to hear from you on kind of
11:25:28 18 what happened in that move process so the rest of the
11:25:30 19 Board is aware.

11:25:33 20 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I brought along
11:25:34 21 a copy of the statute, and in particular, the page that
11:25:40 22 addresses this issue. We'll get those passed out.

11:25:53 23 Janet perhaps can comment on this, too.

11:25:55 24 But this was Senate Bill 395 in the last
11:25:59 25 legislative session that moved the program from the Health

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11:26:04 1 Division to the Division of Environmental Protection. And
11:26:06 2 if you look in what was just passed out in Section 36 in
11:26:11 3 subsection 3, and I'll let you read it, it's very short,
11:26:17 4 but it basically says if the Board of Health appointed an
11:26:22 5 Advisory Board and that Advisory Board is in effect on
11:26:27 6 October 1st of this year, it remains in existence and is
11:26:30 7 now an Advisory Board to the State Environmental
11:26:32 8 Commission. So the statute that moved the whole program
11:26:36 9 also accounted for the movement of the Board and for its
11:26:40 10 continued existence.

11:26:43 11 With that, and I think we touched on this
11:26:48 12 before, we want to take your two new Board members to the
11:26:53 13 Commission at their next meeting, which is actually
11:26:55 14 scheduled for January, and I don't know if it would be
11:26:59 15 appropriate, and perhaps legal counsel could help us with
11:27:02 16 this, if we should take the entire Board to the Commission
11:27:09 17 and have you all reinstated. I'm not sure of the terms.
11:27:14 18 I think the Commission would be very interested to know
11:27:17 19 who you all are. They appreciated your attendance at the
11:27:20 20 meeting.

11:27:22 21 MS. HESS: When it talks about you may advise
11:27:26 22 the State Environmental Commission, the way I look at that
11:27:30 23 "may advise" is that everybody needs to be confirmed by
11:27:34 24 the Environmental Commission that's on the Board right now
11:27:37 25 as well.

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11:29:20 1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I think you did, Janet. I
11:29:21 2 just want to -- so in essence you are saying although
11:29:26 3 everything from the State, Bureau of Health Protection
11:29:29 4 Services is brought over, we're going to reconfirm this
11:29:33 5 Advisory Board to the State Environmental Commission.

11:29:36 6 MS. HESS: Yes, because it just remains in
11:29:40 7 existence and may advise the State Environmental
11:29:44 8 Commission. So until the Board is confirmed by this
11:29:47 9 particular Commission, it's just in limbo on whether or
11:29:52 10 not it's going to advise the SEC.

11:29:55 11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Which was my question at the
11:29:56 12 last meeting. Then perhaps we should -- I'll refer this
11:30:05 13 to the rest of the Board members -- prepare a little
11:30:09 14 something, maybe a packet or something. John?

11:30:12 15 MR. WALKER: What I would suggest is a short
11:30:15 16 bio of each Board member, and that would go along with a
11:30:19 17 roster, and we could kill -- however it goes, we could use
11:30:25 18 it to do two things, one for the website and one for the
11:30:30 19 SEC agenda. It would be very helpful. Just a short bio,
11:30:34 20 and probably what you want to do is come up with a set of,
11:30:38 21 oh, I don't know, criteria for what should be in the bio,
11:30:41 22 because all the bios should be pretty much the same and be
11:30:44 23 maybe a half page.

11:30:45 24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I believe our bios are
11:30:48 25 pretty different, believe it or not, or are you talking

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11:30:51 1 about the bio for the Board itself?

11:30:54 2 MR. WALKER: No, the Commission itself. I
11:30:56 3 think what the Commission will want to see is who are
11:30:58 4 these people, who do they work for, what is their
11:31:01 5 experience, and have that along with the roster that they
11:31:05 6 can just approve, and maybe you can present that at the
11:31:08 7 next SEC meeting. That would probably be a good approach.

11:31:12 8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Well, I know I did at the
11:31:14 9 Environmental Commission meeting I was at, I did try -- I
11:31:17 10 represented this Board, and I explained to them a little
11:31:20 11 bit about what we do, and I don't know, it was very brief,
11:31:25 12 because I didn't want to overshadow the work of getting
11:31:28 13 the regs pushed through. So I just kind of introduced the
11:31:31 14 Board and went from there.

11:31:35 15 MR. WALKER: You know, Doug and I actually
11:31:36 16 talked about that from a State Environmental Commission
11:31:40 17 perspective, what did we want to do, and we decided
11:31:43 18 because the regulations were a bit much, to do exactly
11:31:47 19 what you did, just very brief. But I would say at the
11:31:51 20 next meeting that we could take it a step further and get
11:31:54 21 them to approve.

11:31:57 22 MS. HESS: Next meeting being the next SEC
11:32:00 23 meeting.

11:32:01 24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Chet.

11:32:02 25 MEMBER AUCKLY: I make a suggestion that the

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11:32:04 1 Board do those bios. AWWA has kind of a certain format.
11:32:11 2 I have been meeting with them for a zillion years, and
11:32:13 3 they have a certain format. So not to give more work to
11:32:17 4 our person over here, but I think the Board can shoot the
11:32:21 5 bios to Darcy. Or the State of Nevada, maybe you want a
11:32:28 6 different twist.

11:32:29 7 MS. BURKE: I think I could work with Doug to
11:32:30 8 see what would work best.

11:32:33 9 MEMBER AUCKLY: You can give us a task to get
11:32:34 10 the bios to you. Mine goes out all the time anyway.

11:32:39 11 MS. BURKE: I might have to edit, though,
11:32:40 12 Chet.

11:32:41 13 MEMBER AUCKLY: That is right.

11:32:42 14 MR. ZIMMERMAN: We would expect that SEC to
11:32:46 15 fully embrace and support the Board reappointment. In
11:32:50 16 fact, at the last SEC meeting, they were ready to assign
11:32:53 17 you some new tasks of looking at arsenic exemptions, which
11:32:59 18 we had to reel them back in on. I think they will be
11:33:01 19 enthusiastic of having your support.

11:33:03 20 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I know that Lynn and Chet
11:33:06 21 and I, we have been on the Board the longest. Chet has
11:33:09 22 been on this Board for a zillion years, too.

11:33:12 23 MEMBER AUCKLY: I was on the initial.
11:33:15 24 Moscovitz got me on this Board.

11:33:18 25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So as far as a general bio

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11:33:20 1 for the Board and a history lesson, how should we handle
11:33:27 2 that?

11:33:27 3 MEMBER AUCKLY: I'm sorry?

11:33:28 4 CHAIRMAN PRICE: A general bio about the
11:33:29 5 Board as far as some of our accomplishments and things.
11:33:32 6 Because you will have bios from all of the Board members,
11:33:36 7 but I would like to include a little history about the
11:33:39 8 Advisory Board as far as things we have done over the
11:33:42 9 years, et cetera. Maybe a couple paragraphs or something.

11:33:47 10 I'm wondering if you are not the person to do
11:33:49 11 that, Chet.

11:33:51 12 MEMBER AUCKLY: I can work with Darcy. I'll
11:33:54 13 work with all of you. Okay. Assigned task already?

11:34:00 14 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I have two more questions,
11:34:01 15 though, that I would like clarified. If we go before the
11:34:07 16 Environmental Commission in January at their next meeting,
11:34:11 17 and one of the things I would like to say remains in
11:34:14 18 existence and probably instead of being permissive it says
11:34:18 19 will advise, that in fact we will become an Advisory Board
11:34:24 20 to the State Environmental Commission. Does that sound
11:34:28 21 correct, Janet? Doug?

11:34:30 22 MS. HESS: I think that it doesn't say shall.
11:34:35 23 Will is a little bit stronger than may advise.

11:34:38 24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So shall?

11:34:39 25 MS. HESS: But it is different than shall.

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11:34:43 1 So I hope you will want to continue advising, and I'm sure
11:34:48 2 the SEC would be very happy to have you continue advising.
11:34:53 3 But I am certain that you could go ahead and have your
11:34:56 4 December meeting.

11:34:58 5 I think you plan on having a December
11:35:00 6 meeting; is that not true?

11:35:02 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That is true.

11:35:03 8 MS. HESS: Or did I make that up?

11:35:05 9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: No, we are going to have our
11:35:0710 December meeting.

11:35:0911 MS. HESS: I think as long as that is posted
11:35:1012 on the website, that that will be fine and go ahead and do
11:35:1413 that. Getting the SEC together is a little bit of a
11:35:1814 difficult task to in fact accomplish. And so if you just
11:35:2415 go ahead with your meetings as you normally would.

11:35:3116 MEMBER AUCKLY: When will the SEC meeting be
11:35:3617 next?

11:35:3718 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Actually, what is driving
11:35:3819 that next meeting are the arsenic exemptions that are due
11:35:4120 before January 23rd. I think we will be seeing a
11:35:4621 preliminary mid January, January 10th, 15th.

11:35:5222 MR. WALKER: Just as a point, I think Janet
11:35:5423 makes an important point. It is very difficult to get the
11:35:5624 SEC together because of its composition. It is an
11:36:0025 11-member board, five are by statute and include the head

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11:36:07 1 of Wildlife and the Water Engineer and the Minerals
11:36:11 2 Department and Ag Department and the State Forester, and
11:36:16 3 there are six members at large. So to try to get a quorum
11:36:19 4 sometimes is difficult. But as Doug said, we do have that
11:36:24 5 meeting planned because the arsenic issue is driving us.

11:36:28 6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Which leads into, and I'd
11:36:32 7 like to hear some Board discussion on this. What I saw
11:36:36 8 when I was at the Environmental Commission is that their
11:36:39 9 initial interpretation of the Board was that we would deal
11:36:44 10 with water issues in a lot of different ways. And I could
11:36:50 11 almost see that in some way there would be more
11:36:54 12 responsibilities added to this Board.

11:36:55 13 I know there is a couple things that came out
11:36:57 14 of the meeting. I wanted to know how some of the other
11:36:59 15 Board members felt about that.

11:37:02 16 It's always been on the certification of
11:37:05 17 operators. However, there were some arsenic issues
11:37:08 18 brought up. There was some water and waste water merging
11:37:12 19 ideas about conformity, et cetera. I just wanted to get a
11:37:17 20 feel from the rest of the Board on how they felt about
11:37:20 21 that. Chet.

11:37:20 22 MEMBER AUCKLY: I think that all the Board
11:37:23 23 members -- help me if I'm not right -- we all have a high
11:37:29 24 certification in our fields. And we have a variety of
11:37:33 25 backgrounds. Mine is in engineering. There is a love of

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11:37:39 1 treatment knowledge on this Board, too.

11:37:43 2 I think the thing that the Board would do is
11:37:45 3 whatever we can do to facilitate things to make it better,
11:37:49 4 that is a good thing, I think. I think broadening our
11:37:52 5 workload, or whatever, I think is necessarily not a bad
11:37:55 6 thing either. That is just me talking.

11:37:58 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Do any of the other Board
11:38:00 8 members have a comment?

11:38:02 9 MEMBER MCKAY: Yes. A lot of this is going
11:38:0410 to fall back on to Darcy because they work for us. So I
11:38:0811 think we don't want to overload Darcy on gathering
11:38:1112 material for us. That's why I'm a little hesitant on it.

11:38:1613 MS. BURKE: Don't let us be the hesitation.
11:38:1714 I mean, actually it is so nice to say I have a
11:38:2115 certification staff present. I mean, even our
11:38:2416 certification coordinator, Kevin, just joined us.

11:38:2917 We'll make it happen. And we'll do what we
11:38:2918 have to do to make sure we can make it happen. Our job is
11:38:3219 to make sure you have the tools that you need to do what
11:38:3520 you need to do.

11:38:3621 So don't let us be the reason you hesitate.

11:38:4022 MEMBER MCKAY: Okay.

11:38:4123 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's hear from our legal
11:38:4324 counsel.

11:38:4325 MS. HESS: I would just mention that also in

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11:38:47 1 Section 36 in paragraph 3, it talks about that it's going
11:39:01 2 to remain advisory on matters relating to certification of
11:39:05 3 operators of community water systems or noncommunity water
11:39:09 4 systems.

11:39:11 5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Which was one of my next
11:39:13 6 questions.

11:39:14 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Unless the Water Advisory
11:39:16 8 Board is replaced. I would just say it looks to me by
11:39:18 9 NRS, when it comes to increasing your workload, it's going
11:39:22 10 to have to in some way relate to the certification. I
11:39:27 11 just want to mention that in passing.

11:39:31 12 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Just shut down our star
11:39:33 13 there, Janet.

11:39:34 14 MS. HESS: I know, I know.

11:39:36 15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: No, I appreciate that.

11:39:37 16 MS. HESS: You are work horses.

11:39:38 17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That was one of my next
11:39:39 18 questions, too. We have always been certification of
11:39:41 19 operators of public water systems, and now I see it says
11:39:42 20 community water systems or noncommunity water systems
11:39:43 21 here. Is there some difference here I'm missing? What's
11:39:44 22 happening here? Doug, can you comment?

11:40:04 23 MR. ZIMMERMAN: I noticed that, too. I
11:40:07 24 brought the entire Senate Bill 395, which has the old
11:40:14 25 language from the statute. And that wording was in the

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11:40:18 1 original statute, too. This is NRS 445A.870.

11:40:26 2 And the change they made in that statute was
11:40:28 3 simply to strike the State Board of Health and replace it
11:40:32 4 by Commission, but it read -- now it reads, "The
11:40:36 5 Commission may appoint an Advisory Board to act in
11:40:39 6 advisory capacity in matters relating to the certification
11:40:41 7 of operators of community water systems or noncommunity
11:40:46 8 water systems." So that did exist in the previous
11:40:54 9 statute. I don't know the significance of it.

11:40:58 10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. I just appreciate
11:40:59 11 that clarification.

11:41:00 12 So I guess at the next Environmental
11:41:03 13 Commission meeting if those issues come up where perhaps
11:41:08 14 the Commission wishes to expand any duties of this Board,
11:41:14 15 we're looking at changing the NRS; is that correct, Janet?
11:41:19 16 So we would have to go through that whole process.

11:41:22 17 MS. HESS: Yes, unless it just relates to
11:41:24 18 that certification of operators of community water systems
11:41:28 19 or noncommunity systems. In that case, that's just the
11:41:40 20 way it is.

11:41:41 21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So it looks like we would
11:41:43 22 perhaps offer up those suggestions, and we would have to
11:41:48 23 think about going through all those changes. Or should
11:41:50 24 they ask us for that and that will have to be explained to
11:41:54 25 the Commission about the changes that we have to go

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11:41:56 1 through? I guess we'll just go from there.

11:42:00 2 Do any other Board members have any comments
11:42:02 3 about that?

11:42:05 4 Okay. Let's go ahead and move on, then.

11:42:09 5 Darcy, how are we on time?

11:42:12 6 MS. BURKE: You are fine.

7 13. STREAMLINING OF TEST GRADING AND OPERATORS RECEIVING
8 CERTIFICATIONS

11:42:14 9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Agenda Item No. 13 is the
11:42:1710 streamlining of test grading of operators receiving
11:42:2011 certifications.

11:42:2512 Debbie, why don't you take this one, being
11:42:3013 the certification administrator there.

11:42:3014 MS. KAYE: I think this was put on the agenda
11:42:3415 because the last exam cycle was in the middle of the move.
11:42:3816 So there was a delay in operators getting their actual
11:42:4217 certificates. They got their letters stating how they did
11:42:4518 on the exams, probably within a week after the exams, but
11:42:5119 then there were issues with moving, and the actual
11:42:5420 certifications didn't get mailed out until it was probably
11:42:5921 the end of August, beginning of September. So we weren't
11:43:0222 really in compliance with the regulations on the timing.

11:43:0623 I don't know, are we going to have this -- I
11:43:0824 would look to see, because I got the results to you a
11:43:1225 couple weeks ago. Are we going to be able to get those

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11:43:14 1 certificates out?

11:43:18 2 MR. BROCKWAY: Last week I signed them and
11:43:20 3 should be getting them in the mail.

11:43:24 4 MS. KAYE: I think it was because of the
11:43:26 5 move. The database was down with printing out
11:43:29 6 certificates. So I think that that was just an anomaly
11:43:34 7 and with the move getting the certificates out.

11:43:36 8 But I know that we're getting the results
11:43:38 9 turned around within a couple of days. We're getting them
11:43:42 10 graded, and the sections are getting the result letters
11:43:48 11 out to the operators within a week after the exams.

11:43:51 12 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So it looks like we're back
11:43:53 13 on track, then.

11:43:54 14 MS. KAYE: I would say so.

11:43:55 15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: You feel so, Steve?

11:43:57 16 MR. BROCKWAY: Yes.

11:43:58 17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: It worried me we weren't
11:43:59 18 complying with the regulations.

11:44:01 19 MR. BROCKWAY: I know. There was nothing I
11:44:03 20 could do about it.

21 14. DISCUSSION ON OUTREACH AND CONTACTING OPERATORS TO
RECEIVE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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11:44:04 23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Thank you. Agenda Item No.
11:44:05 24 14 is discussion on outreach and contacting operators to
11:44:09 25 receive information and resources.

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11:44:14 1 Would it appear to the Board that with the
11:44:17 2 new website changes that are going to take place, that a
11:44:21 3 lot of this is going to happen? Does the Board feel
11:44:25 4 comfortable referring a lot of the operators to the
11:44:28 5 website information, I guess I would ask first.

11:44:32 6 MEMBER MCKAY: Yes, I do.

11:44:33 7 MEMBER AUCKLY: I think that makes a lot of
11:44:34 8 sense. I think it is quick and it should be accurate
11:44:38 9 information.

11:44:39 10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Any ideas, Marcellus? How
11:44:42 11 do you feel about it?

11:44:43 12 One of our biggest challenges has been to get
11:44:51 13 information out there, especially to the rural areas in
11:44:53 14 Nevada. Believe it or not, some of them don't have access
11:44:56 15 to computers, they have to go to libraries, et cetera, to
11:44:59 16 access computers. Just contacting them to get them
11:45:05 17 information about testing stuff, the resources, et cetera.

11:45:11 18 It's just kind of an open discussion we have
11:45:14 19 to throw around any ideas. I invite you, Harvey, as well,
11:45:21 20 to get this information out. It seems like the website
11:45:24 21 stuff is still our lead horse in this.

11:45:28 22 MEMBER MCKAY: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest
11:45:29 23 that you make it the main source, because everybody goes
11:45:33 24 to the same page to look for the same information, or a
11:45:37 25 variety of information they need. I don't think you'd

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11:45:40 1 want to have two or three different places for them to go
11:45:43 2 to. We should stick with that.

11:45:48 3 MR. WALKER: May I add a suggestion?
11:45:50 4 Something we do at NDEP that has been pretty effective is
11:45:52 5 we develop these electronic mailing lists, and what I
11:45:56 6 would envision, or maybe one approach, is to have an
11:46:01 7 electronic mailing list set up on Doug's site for the
11:46:06 8 operators where they can sign up on-line, and then we can
11:46:10 9 manage the electronic mailing list, and then when new
11:46:13 10 stuff is posted on the website that the operators might be
11:46:17 11 interested in, we can send them an e-mail.

11:46:23 12 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So they get automatic
11:46:25 13 updates?

11:46:26 14 MR. WALKER: Automatic updates.

11:46:28 15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We're going to buy that guy
11:46:30 16 a beer after this meeting, Cam. Where have you been,
11:46:33 17 John? I'll tell you, I just think that is a wonderful
11:46:37 18 idea.

11:46:39 19 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Mr. Chairman, we do want to
11:46:40 20 proceed with that. At the workshop we put on for the
11:46:42 21 regs, we mailed out I think it was close to 1800 notices
11:46:48 22 of the workshop. What John is suggesting, we found that
11:46:53 23 about 75 percent or higher will prefer to be on an
11:46:57 24 electronic mailing list and receive that notification that
11:47:00 25 way. So it was really efficiency on our end, too. We

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11:47:03 1 don't have to do these mass mailings.

11:47:06 2 MR. WALKER: We noted that we are the
11:47:09 3 Division of Environmental Protection, fuel and paper and
11:47:14 4 things.

11:47:15 5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I can tell by the make-up on
11:47:16 6 the Commission, you have Wildlife people on there and
11:47:19 7 CPA's and all kinds of stuff. Although Hugh Ritchie is on
11:47:24 8 there. I was glad to see that.

11:47:26 9 Is there any further discussion on Agenda
11:47:28 10 Item No. 14?

11:47:30 11 MS. BURKE: Darrin, I had a question.

11:47:31 12 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Yes.

11:47:31 13 MS. BURKE: I know that if there is new
11:47:34 14 information or pertinent information that is timely, we
11:47:37 15 put the results in an envelope that I guarantee they open.
11:47:42 16 Now if it's not popular news, they may not read the rest
11:47:46 17 of what is in that envelope. If there is something
11:47:48 18 critical, there is no reason we can't -- we're already
11:47:51 19 doing the mailing. It is already going to them. We don't
11:47:54 20 send the results electronically.

11:47:58 21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We can add some stuffing in
11:48:00 22 there.

11:48:02 23 MS. KAYE: One of the things I would like to
11:48:03 24 see is the letter that goes out, because we do have a form
11:48:07 25 letter that goes to all the operators, we need to have the

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11:48:10 1 link to NDEP's website on that letter. I think that's
11:48:15 2 important that we get that put into the letter so that
11:48:18 3 they can know where to go. Because it is not in the
11:48:21 4 letter now.

11:48:22 5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Darcy, I would ask as well,
11:48:23 6 too, now that this Board has voted on these recommended
11:48:27 7 study materials, can this start, albeit it will be on the
11:48:31 8 website, maybe we can do an initial when it goes out, some
11:48:35 9 of these new test results? Is that too much paper?

11:48:38 10 MS. KAYE: We have done it. There is no
11:48:39 11 reason why we can't, I would say once a year, probably,
11:48:42 12 just send it out again. I mean, we have sent this out
11:48:47 13 when we first started, when we changed the treatment test,
11:48:50 14 we sent out recommended study materials and the range of
11:48:54 15 knowledge with the letters.

11:48:55 16 MS. BURKE: It might be more pertinent for
11:48:56 17 those that do not earn a passing score to get that list.

11:49:01 18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I agree.

11:49:02 19 MS. BURKE: I would look to Kevin. Is it
11:49:05 20 possible to put that in their unsuccessful notifications?

11:49:14 21 MS. GUTHRIE: Of course.

11:49:19 22 MR. WALSAK: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Yes.

24 MR. WALSAK: Phil Walsack.

11:49:20 25 The operator certification study materials

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11:49:21 1 were included in the NTC's, Nevada Training Coalition's
11:49:25 2 newsletter called Water Lines. They were just granted not
11:49:29 3 the approved new list, but I don't see any changes on this
11:49:32 4 list that was not included in that article, which was
11:49:36 5 three months ago, was sent to every operator of a public
11:49:39 6 water system in Nevada.

11:49:45 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That was an article in
11:49:46 8 there?

11:49:47 9 MR. WALSAK: Yes.

10 15. DISCUSSION RECOMMENDED STUDY MATERIALS FOR OPERATORS

11:49:5011 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's move on to Agenda Item
11:49:5112 No. 15, then, discussion on recommended study materials.
11:49:5613 Not a lot of discussion there.

11:49:5814 MS. KAYE: Mr. Chairman, I think what
11:49:5815 happened is Agenda Item 6, I think I misreported on that.
11:50:0416 I think Steve and I were supposed to come up with a list
11:50:0717 of items approved the Ken Kerri, AWWA water college. I
11:50:1718 think that is what that was, and I don't think we did it.

19 MR. BROCKWAY: I think she's correct.

20 MS. KAYE: I think Agenda Item 6 was for the
11:50:3221 post-secondary education requirements for the operators
11:50:3322 who are looking for where do I go, where do I get this.

11:50:3723 And I apologize because I think I was
11:50:4424 supposed to get with Steve and we were supposed to come up
11:50:4625 with a list, and we didn't do that.

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11:50:50 1 But one of the things, this is a good time to
11:50:51 2 bring up, I do believe that there's going to be some free
11:50:57 3 operator training, the introduction to distribution in the
11:51:03 4 water college course that is going to be offered in the
11:51:08 5 state for -- Farr West through AWWA, didn't they get the
11:51:15 6 contract? Can we talk a little bit about that when that
11:51:19 7 is going to happen?

11:51:21 8 MR. WALSHACK: We certainly can. Farr West
11:51:23 9 Engineering was awarded a contract through the state
11:51:27 10 revolving loan fund program here in Nevada. As part of
11:51:32 11 the teaming arrangement in that proposal Farr West
11:51:35 12 Engineering teamed with American Water Works Association's
11:51:38 13 water college to provide 36-hour, college level,
11:51:45 14 accredited courses through the water college to operators
11:51:48 15 in Nevada paid for by the state's program.

11:51:55 16 There are currently six, I believe, it could
11:51:59 17 be seven -- I apologize for not knowing that number right
11:52:03 18 off the bat -- but there will be six courses, six college
11:52:06 19 level courses offered in Nevada at no charge to the
11:52:08 20 attendees through the water college, of which Farr West
11:52:13 21 will be a trainer, teacher, organizer of materials. So
11:52:20 22 that's the first go. There is going to be six classes
11:52:24 23 here in Nevada for operators, trying to obtain that
11:52:28 24 college level course work.

11:52:31 25 There are also other sources, of course. Ken

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11:52:33 1 Kerri course, Sacramento State University is one of the
11:52:37 2 biggest and world renown sources for those college units.

11:52:42 3 MS. KAYE: Do you have any -- is there a
11:52:43 4 schedule set for those classes, locations? I mean, that's
11:52:46 5 something that we need -- the fact that it's free to
11:52:49 6 operators in the state, we need to get that out there.

11:52:52 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And it would be great to
11:52:53 8 include it on the website, too, John.

11:52:58 9 MR. WALSBACK: Thank you, Debbie. As the
11:53:00 10 primary trainer of that material, the dilemma has been
11:53:05 11 this thus far. To the utilities -- let me back up just a
11:53:08 12 moment.

11:53:09 13 As part of the state revolving loan fund
11:53:12 14 contract, there needs to be a needs assessment, who is it
11:53:15 15 that is going to need this sort of training based on the
11:53:17 16 new regulations. How does the split happen from the Grade
11:53:21 17 II operators who need that Grade III license who therefore
11:53:25 18 need that college level course. That first jump is two
11:53:29 19 courses.

11:53:30 20 There is a database being built by me to
11:53:34 21 address that issue, where are those classes going to be
11:53:37 22 offered. That's the first question.

11:53:40 23 The second question is, utilities are going
11:53:43 24 to be faced with members having 36 hours in which they
11:53:48 25 cannot work, and that's a very critical element of this.

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11:53:52 1 You go to Lyon County Utilities, for
11:53:55 2 instance, in Dayton, they are swamped. They have a lot of
11:53:58 3 work going on. So try to train people when they are
11:54:01 4 trying to do their work is going to be a challenge.

11:54:03 5 And that's the challenge that we're working
11:54:05 6 on right now, seeing how utilities want this package. Are
11:54:09 7 we doing Saturday, Sunday classes, are we doing night
11:54:13 8 classes, are we doing 10-hour classes, are we do two-hour
11:54:16 9 classes, how is the package going to work.

11:54:2010 And I need some feedback yet from those
11:54:2211 utilities who are in that predicament trying to get this
11:54:2412 college level education, how they are going to be able to
11:54:2713 package that as far as getting their staff to attend.

11:54:3114 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Phil, also I did attend the
11:54:3415 Nevada Drinking Water, Waste Water Training Coalition
11:54:3716 meeting, and would you kind of report on -- there was some
11:54:4017 work done on secondary education through some of the
11:54:4318 community colleges as well. Or perhaps Crystal, either
11:54:4719 one.

11:54:5020 MEMBER MCKAY: Maybe I could jump in here.

11:54:5221 MR. WALSAK: Maybe Mr. McKay.

11:54:5522 MEMBER MCKAY: The Truckee Meadows Community
11:54:5823 College is offering four different classes on the
11:55:0424 website -- not on the website -- but it is a
11:55:0725 computer-based program.

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11:55:09 1 MS. MONTECINOS: Web CT.

11:55:11 2 MEMBER MCKAY: Web CT. That is it. It is a
11:55:14 3 math, physics, environmental, chemistry, and these are all
11:55:22 4 college accredited courses that you can take on-line.
11:55:27 5 That's been going -- it's been on-line for a while. It's
11:55:31 6 just not been made public to everybody, but it is
11:55:34 7 available.

11:55:36 8 I did talk to Michael Rainey from Truckee
11:55:40 9 Meadows Community College, and they are working to try and
11:55:43 10 put a program that will reach to the more rural Nevada by
11:55:48 11 video conference. But that is still a ways down the road.
11:55:52 12 But there is other classes available, just go to their
11:55:56 13 website, Truckee Community College, or Western Nevada
11:56:00 14 Community College, and there are links to these classes.

11:56:03 15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Now the ones that I remember
11:56:05 16 were biology, physics and environmental.

11:56:09 17 MEMBER MCKAY: And math.

11:56:09 18 CHAIRMAN PRICE: And the math course, too.
11:56:11 19 And all would qualify as secondary for certification.

11:56:16 20 Is there any other discussion from the Board?

11:56:18 21 MEMBER MCKAY: Let me add, it is more like a
11:56:20 22 correspondence course similar to the Ken Kerri.

23 16. REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 2005 EXAM RESULTS

11:56:24 24 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's go ahead and move on
11:56:25 25 to Agenda Item No. 16, which is the report on the exam.

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11:56:32 1 MS. KAYE: And that report is included in
11:56:32 2 your packet, the 2005 exam summary, and we have also
11:56:39 3 included a printout of how the regions are separated in
11:56:43 4 Nevada so you can look at the needs assessment by region,
11:56:51 5 and you can see overall the pass rates. You can look at
11:56:54 6 where we were in March of 2005, and I think that operators
11:56:59 7 are taking time to study, they know what to be studying,
11:57:04 8 and the pass rates have come up quite a bit.

11:57:16 9 Does anybody have any questions?

11:57:2210 CHAIRMAN PRICE: One of the things I noticed,
11:57:2411 we're always having discussions on reaching operators, is
11:57:2912 that there's not a lot of northern tests being taken. It
11:57:3513 seems mostly central and southern regions.

11:57:3814 Did you notice that as well?

11:57:4215 MEMBER FORSBERG: There are not a lot of
11:57:4316 northern systems. What do you think?

11:57:4517 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That is part of it. Or they
11:57:4718 are not being counted?

11:57:4919 MS. KAYE: They are being counted.

11:57:5520 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I just wanted the rest of
11:57:5621 the Board members to keep that in mind, that one of the
11:57:5822 challenges in talking and reaching these systems is, of
11:58:0423 course, like Lynn was mentioning, there are bigger
11:58:0724 concentrations in these other regions, but they are not a
11:58:1125 lot of test takers in the north. And it seems like maybe

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11:58:14 1 a lot of those have reached a certain level where they are
11:58:19 2 dead, they are not going past that.

11:58:22 3 MEMBER FORSBERG: If I may add to that. You
11:58:24 4 got to remember also that most of the systems in the
11:58:28 5 north, and Steve Brockway could certainly back this up,
11:58:33 6 that it seems like most of the systems in the north are
11:58:35 7 Grade II or lower. So once they hit there, they are not
11:58:39 8 going any farther anyway.

11:58:40 9 MR. BROCKWAY: And most of them aren't
11:58:42 10 growing population, not expanding. The people are there
11:58:45 11 and going to live there for life for the most part.

11:58:53 12 MR. WALSAK: Mr. Chairman, if I may.

11:58:54 13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Yes, Phil.

11:58:55 14 MR. WALSAK: Part of the state revolving
11:58:57 15 loan fund contract is hitting on an element that you have
11:59:00 16 just addressed. From American Water Works at the national
11:59:03 17 level there is this concept of an aging work force in
11:59:07 18 operator certification. Not to pick on Lynn, but in the
11:59:10 19 northern part of the state, we see that when we look at
11:59:14 20 the distribution of operators. Folks have reached their
11:59:19 21 level of test maturity and that is all they are going to
11:59:22 22 do.

11:59:22 23 There is not an influx of younger staff,
11:59:25 24 younger and therefore less experienced and less trained
11:59:28 25 coming into the industry in the northern part of the

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11:59:30 1 state. And as part of the workshop and packaged
11:59:35 2 information that we're providing to the state revolving
11:59:38 3 loan fund, that piece is in there, how many years does a
11:59:42 4 senior management have to retirement and where is their
11:59:44 5 junior level staff. Because we see this as a nationwide
11:59:47 6 problem that we're going to have to address very soon.

11:59:54 7 MS. KAYE: I also wanted to point out that
11:59:56 8 there is also the exam analysis for both treatment and
12:00:01 9 distribution in your packet. So by region and by grade it
12:00:05 10 is broken down for the most missed topics, for your
12:00:14 11 review.

12:00:14 12 MR. WALSHACK: I can add to Debbie's comment
12:00:16 13 in that the state revolving loan fund was very interested
12:00:18 14 to train people on those subjects most missed, not the
12:00:21 15 subjects most gotten. This is how we plan for training is
12:00:27 16 by looking at this exact list and compiling training
12:00:31 17 material that is going to get the operators who need a
12:00:34 18 certain subject matter.

12:00:37 19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: How does the rest of the
12:00:42 20 Board feel about putting some of this information on the
12:00:45 21 website?

12:00:46 22 MEMBER AUCKLY: It is fine with me.

12:00:47 23 MS. KAYE: I would be hesitant to post the
12:00:51 24 exam failures by regions because some regions --

12:00:57 25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Could we condense it so we

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12:00:59 1 weren't identifying a particular region, we just talked
12:01:01 2 about maybe these areas needed a lit more study?

12:01:05 3 MS. KAYE: I think that you could easily post
12:01:07 4 the topics that need to be studied. I think that that's
12:01:10 5 big enough that you could put that on the website.

12:01:12 6 I would not post the exam summary, who failed
12:01:17 7 by region but the topics. If there is one area that we
12:01:22 8 could update every exam cycle where you could just have a
12:01:26 9 standard area on the website that said topics most missed
12:01:30 10 last exam cycle.

12:01:32 11 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I know this is kind of
12:01:34 12 confidential information. But at least to kind of give
12:01:37 13 the info out. Do you know what I mean?

12:01:41 14 MS. BURKE: I think it helps those that are
12:01:43 15 educating, too. My only concern would be, and I would
12:01:47 16 make the call, there is only one person in the north
12:01:49 17 taking it, I would not put even the exam summary on there
12:01:52 18 what the topics missed, because everybody is going to know
12:01:55 19 it is that one person, and that's not okay. So I think
12:01:59 20 when you have at least a number of people taking a test, I
12:02:03 21 have no problem putting the summary up either. It only
12:02:06 22 helps.

12:02:06 23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Darcy, can you work with
12:02:07 24 John, then, to make sure it gets on the e-mail?

12:02:14 25 MS. BURKE: Yes.

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12:02:14 1 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I'll tell you, this
12:02:15 2 information is invaluable, too. I want to thank Annette
12:02:18 3 as well because it really helps to take a look at those
12:02:22 4 areas, and also see the regions. We're making a
12:02:27 5 difference. Thank you very much. Nice work.

12:02:31 6 MS. GUTHRIE: You are welcome.

7 17. CA-NV-AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION

12:02:32 8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Darcy, that leads us on to
12:02:34 9 you, Agenda Item No. 17.

12:02:36 10 MS. BURKE: Well, I also want to thank
12:02:37 11 Annette and Kevin because they have to actually grade the
12:02:40 12 exams twice, once individually to get the exam summary,
12:02:44 13 the examinee analysis out for each individual, then they
12:02:48 14 have to go back and separate them by regions, again, and
12:02:50 15 do that again to get this information. And they have been
12:02:52 16 turning it around out the door within two days. That's on
12:02:58 17 top of all the other stuff.

12:02:59 18 So they have been doing just a stellar job.

12:03:02 19 No one can say the results aren't getting out in time.

12:03:05 20 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Excellent work, Annette and
12:03:10 21 Dave.

22 (Applause.)

12:03:11 23 MS. BURKE: They may not like the answer they
12:03:14 24 get in the letter, but it has been triple hand graded,
12:03:17 25 whatever it is, to try and make that one exception.

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12:03:19 1 My only comment was you have packets waiting
12:03:23 2 for you here because I didn't get hardly anything from
12:03:26 3 anyone about what to put in the packets in time to mail
12:03:29 4 the packets. So timeliness, I would encourage it.

12:03:34 5 I have no problem sending it all
12:03:36 6 electronically, like I did our governing board, and then
12:03:39 7 we ask our board not to print it out, that we will bring
12:03:43 8 printed copies so we're not killing double the trees, but
12:03:48 9 just again make sure I have all your current e-mail
12:03:51 10 addresses and that type of thing. If there is something
12:03:53 11 you want to add, send it back. We'll put it on the
12:03:58 12 agenda.

12:04:00 13 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Go ahead, Chet.

12:04:01 14 MEMBER AUCKLY: I think we have been filing
12:04:04 15 pretty much through our secretary; right?

12:04:07 16 CHAIRMAN PRICE: But as the taskmaster, he
12:04:09 17 kind of reverses that stuff to you. As a matter of fact,
12:04:13 18 it worked out pretty well. I gave Cam some of mine. I
12:04:18 19 knew the two of you had some conversations.

12:04:20 20 MS. BURKE: There just wasn't a lot of
12:04:21 21 feedback, which would be helpful. Because silence is
12:04:24 22 acceptance.

12:04:27 23 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay.

12:04:28 24 MS. BURKE: But I think from our perspective,
12:04:31 25 things are going well, and hopefully from your

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12:04:33 1 perspective, too.

12:04:35 2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So far so good. You are
12:04:37 3 going to get a lot of information from us so we can have
12:04:40 4 all this in our December meeting as well.

12:04:43 5 MS. BURKE: And I'll hand all that stuff to
12:04:46 6 John.

12:04:47 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Absolutely. Is there
12:04:48 8 anything else, Darcy?

12:04:49 9 MS. BURKE: No, I have nothing else.

10 17. STAFF REPORTS

12:04:5011 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We'll go ahead and move on
12:04:5212 to Agenda Item No. 17, staff reports.

12:04:5313 Doug, do you have anything further you'd like
12:04:5514 to report on?

12:04:5615 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Just touch on a couple of
12:04:5816 things. I mentioned them previously.

12:05:0117 The arsenic standard, and again, that
12:05:0418 Environmental Commission meeting, that first set of
12:05:0619 regulations that was passed adopted the arsenic standards
12:05:1220 so the state can have delegation. That will really be the
12:05:1521 next big push for the Bureaus to present. We anticipate a
12:05:2022 hundred exemption packages to the Commission for water
12:05:2323 systems, and then there will also be 30 bilateral
12:05:2824 compliance agreements that we're entering into for systems
12:05:3025 that are above 35 parts per billion don't qualify for the

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12:05:35 1 exemption. So we will really be putting a focus on
12:05:37 2 getting those arsenic exemptions and bilateral compliance
12:05:41 3 agreements in place.

12:05:43 4 The other thing, then, and this was mentioned
12:05:45 5 at the Commission meeting, and Phil made reference to it,
12:05:49 6 the Division internally, and actually this was brought up
12:05:52 7 by Mike Nehr at the City of Henderson at the workshop,
12:05:56 8 that he requested that we look at the waste water
12:06:01 9 certification program and the water certification program
12:06:04 10 and see where there is similarities and anything we can do
12:06:08 11 to make those two programs more consistent. So we have
12:06:13 12 started that process internally.

12:06:14 13 We had our first meeting between the waste
12:06:17 14 water side and the water side the day after the
12:06:20 15 Environmental Commission meeting. And we're really just
12:06:24 16 looking now at what process do we want to go down. Do we
12:06:28 17 want to have a subcommittee from each of the -- because
12:06:31 18 there is also a waste water advisory board. Do we want to
12:06:35 19 form a working group from those two advisory boards.
12:06:40 20 We're really in the very early stages. But we are
12:06:43 21 committed to looking at that.

12:06:46 22 We don't know -- no preconceived ideas of
12:06:50 23 what that outcome will be. They may just be two distinct
12:06:53 24 programs that have to continue down separate paths. I
12:06:57 25 suspect there will be some common elements, though, that

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12:07:03 1 if we can make the two programs work together, that will
12:07:05 2 be our goal.

12:07:07 3 On even a higher level, something that's
12:07:10 4 occurring at the Division, and has not really moved beyond
12:07:15 5 just discussion stage, is looking at all our certification
12:07:19 6 programs. We have a number of them in the Bureau. The
12:07:21 7 other two that come to mind for me are we certify
12:07:25 8 consultants who provide environmental services, certified
12:07:29 9 environmental manager program, and then we certify
12:07:31 10 laboratories that do water and waste water analysis.

12:07:35 11 So there's been discussion of do we need a
12:07:38 12 whole certification bureau of folks who are just experts
12:07:41 13 in that realm. So that may be something that we see in
12:07:45 14 the future.

12:07:47 15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Who would be in charge of
12:07:48 16 putting together the subcommittee on taking a look at that
12:07:51 17 stuff? Is it actually going to happen within the
12:07:55 18 department, or how is that going to happen?

12:07:57 19 MR. ZIMMERMAN: It is going to happen within
12:07:58 20 the Division, representatives from the Bureau of Safe
12:08:02 21 Drinking Water and representatives from the Bureau of
12:08:05 22 Water Pollution Control. That is the two groups who met
12:08:08 23 initially with the administrator of the Division, Lou
12:08:11 24 Drozdoff, to discuss what path do we want to go down.

12:08:15 25 So right now, again, that initial meeting

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12:08:18 1 which is sort of that brainstorming of what do we want to
12:08:21 2 look at, how might we proceed with it. So I think what
12:08:25 3 you'll see is if we decide that we want to put together
12:08:30 4 some type of joint subcommittee, I'd come back to the
12:08:34 5 Advisory Board and request your participation, and the
12:08:38 6 same thing would happen on the waste water side of it.

12:08:42 7 And then I think since we're bringing these
12:08:44 8 two boards together, I think you will see a very active
12:08:47 9 role by the Division in leading that effort.

12:08:50 10 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Sure. Okay. Well, you know
12:08:53 11 we'll make sure and put that on our agenda for the
12:08:55 12 December meeting. Because it looks -- does it look like
12:08:58 13 it is coming along that fast?

12:09:00 14 MR. ZIMMERMAN: I think it would be
12:09:01 15 appropriate to update you in December.

12:09:03 16 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We will put it on our
12:09:05 17 meeting in December, and we'll take a look at recommending
12:09:07 18 some people. I know we have already had some volunteers
12:09:10 19 that have suggested interest.

12:09:13 20 MR. ZIMMERMAN: We viewed this -- in fact, I
12:09:15 21 used the example of the regulations that the Board
12:09:19 22 participated in developing, the length of time it took and
12:09:24 23 what a significant effort that is. So I think people are
12:09:27 24 thinking in terms of this is probably -- that is a
12:09:29 25 multi-year effort. So we're very early in the process

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12:09:33 1 here.

12:09:34 2 MEMBER McKAY: Doug, is this going to
12:09:35 3 eventually lead to certification of waste water treatment
12:09:42 4 and collection systems?

12:09:44 5 MR. ZIMMERMAN: My understanding is that is
12:09:46 6 in existence now. It could lead to -- well, we want to
12:09:51 7 make sure that -- and these were some of the comments from
12:09:55 8 the City of Henderson, for example, on the waste water
12:09:58 9 side they require certain training, that if on the water
12:10:02 10 side similar training is needed, that credit is given on
12:10:05 11 both. I think we currently do that to a certain degree.
12:10:09 12 But it's just providing, making sure that consistency
12:10:13 13 between the two programs is there.

12:10:16 14 The waste water side -- I'm trying to
12:10:18 15 remember now what they were telling us -- that evolved
12:10:24 16 from what was a voluntary program and now has become
12:10:30 17 mandatory. So I think that waste water side has been a
12:10:37 18 bit behind the water side.

12:10:39 19 MEMBER McKAY: On the treatment end. But to
12:10:42 20 come equal with our distribution systems, what I'm looking
12:10:48 21 more is the collection side.

12:10:50 22 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Distribution and collection
12:10:51 23 side. I'm sorry.

12:10:52 24 MEMBER McKAY: Do you think it is going to
12:10:53 25 lead to a certification for collection system?

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12:10:58 1 MR. ZIMMERMAN: It could. I think, again,
12:10:59 2 this would be the perfect type of group to look to see if
12:11:03 3 that's the direction that we want to go.

12:11:06 4 MEMBER MCKAY: I agree. Mainly because a lot
12:11:08 5 of our operators do both. So certification would
12:11:12 6 definitely fit in.

12:11:14 7 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes.

12:11:16 8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Doug, do you have anything
12:11:16 9 else?

12:11:1710 MR. ZIMMERMAN: That's all.

12:11:1911 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Steve, how about you? How
12:11:2112 is your new office, Steve?

12:11:2313 MR. BROCKWAY: Pardon?

12:11:2414 CHAIRMAN PRICE: How is your new office?

12:11:2515 MR. BROCKWAY: It is great. The only thing
12:11:3016 I'd like to add is the in-house clerical staff has come up
12:11:3417 with a new operator certification. I looked at it a
12:11:4018 couple of weeks ago. I think it is Division of
12:11:4319 Environmental Protection on it, colored paper. You might
12:11:4620 see some of those out. Debbie will see it shortly.

12:11:4921 MS. KAYE: I saw a couple of them.

12:11:5122 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I would like to see an
12:11:5223 example of it. Maybe you can bring it to the next Board.

12:11:5524 MS. KAYE: I sign them and send them right
12:11:5725 back.

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12:11:59 1 MR. BROCKWAY: When I get back to the office

12:12:01 2 I'll send you a copy. They are nice.

12:12:03 3 As far as I know, anybody who has the old
12:12:05 4 issued by the Health Division, they will still have to get
12:12:08 5 new ones issued. They will accommodate them if they would
12:12:16 6 like a prettier one.

12:12:19 7 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Steve, did you have anything
12:12:20 8 else?

12:12:23 9 MR. BROCKWAY: No.

12:12:2310 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Steve, I wanted to thank you
12:12:2411 for making sure we were getting the certifications out and
12:12:2612 stuff, and we're back in compliance with the regs as well.
12:12:2913 That was important, so thank you.

12:12:3214 MR. BROCKWAY: I was worried about that, too.

12:12:3515 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Debbie, did you have
12:12:3516 anything else?

12:12:3517 MS. KAYE: I just wanted to point out in your
12:12:3618 packet also is the exam schedule for 2006. We have
12:12:4219 already set those dates, and once again, that needs to go
12:12:4620 on the website, also.

12:12:4721 CHAIRMAN PRICE: There is one more round this
12:12:4922 year; right, in December or something?

12:12:5323 MS. KAYE: Yes, December 14th.

12:12:5524 CHAIRMAN PRICE: These are just the next
12:12:5625 year's set. So December 14th is the last one for this

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12:12:59 1 year, then we start this round. Okay.

12:13:03 2 Once again, Debbie, congratulations. We'll

12:13:06 3 all be there cheering when you receive your crown.

12:13:21 4 Is there anything else from any of the other

12:13:22 5 Board members? Phil?

12:13:24 6 MR. WALSACK: John, I was wondering if you

12:13:26 7 had a meeting date yet for January of '06 for the SEC.

12:13:31 8 MR. WALKER: No. First two weeks of January,

12:13:34 9 we're looking at those two weeks.

12:13:36 10 MR. WALSACK: For the 23rd.

12:13:39 11 MR. WALKER: Right.

12:13:42 12 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Darcy.

12:13:43 13 MS. BURKE: The only other thing I would like

12:13:44 14 to add, because you were so kind to all come to the

12:13:48 15 section event, there is lunch for the Advisory Board in

12:13:52 16 the back. So you can start with your salads when you are

12:13:55 17 done. That way you will be well fed and ready to go to

12:13:58 18 the workshop immediately following the meeting.

12:14:02 19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay, great. And we thank

12:14:06 20 the Deputy Attorney General Janet Hess for attending

12:14:08 21 today. Thank you very much. We appreciate having legal

12:14:10 22 counsel here in case we stray. So thanks for attending.

12:14:15 23 If there is nothing else, I need a motion to

12:14:17 24 adjourn.

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1 18. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

12:14:18 2 MEMBER AUCKLY: Move to adjourn.

12:14:19 3 CHAIRMAN PRICE: We have a motion.

12:14:21 4 MEMBER MCKAY: Second.

12:14:26 5 MEMBER FORSBERG: Next meeting date, sir.

12:14:28 6 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I thought we already said

12:14:29 7 that. Didn't we?

12:14:31 8 MEMBER MCKAY: No, we didn't.

12:14:37 9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That is not even on the

12:14:38 10 agenda here.

12:14:39 11 MEMBER FORSBERG: In fact, I think in the

12:14:40 12 minutes, Mr. Chairman, it actually says something to the

12:14:43 13 effect that we will set it at this meeting.

12:14:48 14 MEMBER AUCKLY: Well, gee, we better do that.

12:14:50 15 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I think the guy that ended

12:14:51 16 up going to the dentist was the one that kind of messed

12:14:54 17 that up.

12:14:56 18 MEMBER FORSBERG: I'm sorry.

12:14:57 19 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's go ahead and do that,

12:14:59 20 then. We usually try to shoot for the first week in

12:15:18 21 December because of all the happenings. We need to get --

12:15:26 22 we usually try to schedule the meetings in December around

12:15:29 23 the first week so.

12:15:31 24 MR. JONES: Where are they at?

12:15:33 25 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Because the week before

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12:15:36 1 Christmas and the week of Christmas. December 7th?

12:15:40 2 MEMBER AUCKLY: That is a Wednesday?

12:15:42 3 MEMBER MCKAY: That is a good day. The

12:15:43 4 middle of the week.

12:15:45 5 MR. JOHNSON: That is not good.

12:15:53 6 MS. BURKE: The 6th would be better.

12:15:59 7 MEMBER MCKAY: Friday is a hard day for

12:16:00 8 everybody because we're trying to escape.

12:16:06 9 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So we have Wednesday, the

12:16:07 10 7th, or possibly Tuesday, the 6th. Lynn, how do you feel

12:16:15 11 about that?

12:16:16 12 MEMBER FORSBERG: Either one of those will

12:16:17 13 probably work.

12:16:18 14 MEMBER AUCKLY: I'm okay for either.

12:16:20 15 MR. JOHNSON: Tuesday is better for me.

12:16:21 16 MEMBER MCKAY: Tuesday is fine for me.

12:16:22 17 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Tuesdays are better for

12:16:23 18 Harvey.

12:16:25 19 Marcellus, how about you?

12:16:27 20 MR. JONES: Fine.

12:16:28 21 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Now since this is not

12:16:30 22 corresponding to any conferences or anything, this will be

12:16:33 23 a video teleconference, and we will have locations in

12:16:37 24 Reno, Las Vegas, Elko, et cetera. So we just need to set

12:16:40 25 the time aside.

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12:16:43 1 MS. BURKE: What time?

12:16:44 2 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Well, I'll just throw this

12:16:48 3 out here. Do I have a motion on either the 6th or the 7th

12:16:52 4 of December?

12:16:53 5 MEMBER MCKAY: I move we have it on the 6th

12:16:54 6 of December.

12:16:56 7 MEMBER AUCKLY: Second.

12:16:57 8 CHAIRMAN PRICE: I have a motion and second.

12:16:57 9 Is there further discussion? And this would be voting

12:17:0210 for --

12:17:0511 MS. BURKE: It is not an action item on the

12:17:0612 agenda.

12:17:0713 CHAIRMAN PRICE: That is right.

12:17:1014 MS. HESS: I would just mention,

12:17:1115 Mr. Chairman, that I will need to see if I can find

12:17:1416 another AG to fill in on the 6th, because I'm not

12:17:1817 available on that day.

12:17:2018 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Okay. Just tell the

12:17:2419 Attorney General he can come.

12:17:2820 MS. HESS: We'll see who that is on that

12:17:3021 particular day.

12:17:3322 MEMBER MCKAY: Darcy, does 9:30 work for you?

12:17:3523 9:30 seems to be a great time.

12:17:3824 MS. BURKE: Yes.

12:17:3925 MEMBER MCKAY: Debbie, is that fine with you?

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12:17:41 1 MS. BURKE: Vegas, I can make it by 9:30.
12:17:43 2 I'll be with Marcellus.
12:17:50 3 MEMBER MCKAY: That seems to be the normal
12:17:51 4 time to start.
12:17:53 5 CHAIRMAN PRICE: So legal counsel, we're not
12:17:54 6 really doing consensus, we're just kind of mumbling up
12:18:01 7 here. We cannot vote. We just threw out some dates and
12:18:06 8 times. Darcy is the task person to send out some
12:18:10 9 information. Sounds great. That sounds great.
12:18:1310 So with that being said.
11 18. MEETING ADJOURNMENT
12:18:1512 MEMBER AUCKLY: Move to adjourn.
12:18:1713 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Do I have a second?
12:18:1814 MEMBER MCKAY: Second.
12:18:1815 CHAIRMAN PRICE: All those in favor please
12:18:2016 signify by saying aye. Opposed no.
17 (The motion was put to a vote and
18 carried unanimously.)
12:18:2219 CHAIRMAN PRICE: Meeting is done. Thank you
12:18:2320 for attending.
12:18:2421 (Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.)
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