

Notice of Special Meeting **Agenda**

Monday, February 8, 2010
At 340 Edmond Road, Suite A, Kearneysville
7:00 PM

- ***Consider Approval of a revised joint application to the W.Va. Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council with Jefferson Utilities, Inc. for Mountain Water Project using a surface water treatment plant on the Shenandoah River as the source of supply***

Background: A revised application will be considered by the Board that reflects a change in the recommended water source supply for the project. The alternatives analysis in the PER will re-evaluate the Valley water interconnection option in light of public and Board concerns and the threat of litigation. An existing alternative option, building a surface water treatment plant on the Shenandoah River, will be re-evaluated and indicated in the engineering and financial analysis as the preferred supply option. The change in the source of water supply will affect both the capital cost of the project and the post-construction O&M. Those cost changes will require an increase in the amount of funding sought from the various sources indicated in previous proposed funding models. Post project rates will also be reviewed for the impact of additional operating costs and debt service implications.

Materials for Review: Consultants and staff for the District and JUI are working diligently to revise and complete the application so that it can be available for stakeholder and Board review. It is believed that we will have a full copy of the application ready for public posting on the usual websites on Friday February 5th. The vast majority of the information in the application will be very similar to previous materials already considered. The very significant changes discussed in the background above will be revised and are critical to understanding and coming to a decision. The previous IJDC application draft not advanced by the Board on February 1st will remain on the usual web sites for comparison.

Urgency: As the Board and many community stakeholders are aware, failure to submit an application to the IJDC for this project by the 10th of February deadline places the District in a poor light with funding agencies, the project in a very disadvantageous position for consideration for current infrastructure funding, and eliminates the possible application for a \$1.5 million Small Cities Block Grant program grant through Region 9.

Call for Meeting: To maximize the direct personal participation of the public, Board and staff, the meeting is scheduled for Monday evening at 7 PM at the District office.