1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. FUNDING AGENCY UPDATES

Indiana Finance Authority – Indiana Brownfields Program (IBP)

Technical Assistance for Brownfields (TAB)

USDA, Rural Development (RD)

2.1.1 WEP (W & WW) Interest rates beginning April 1, 2020 – Q3

- Poverty Line decreased to 1.375%
- Intermediate decreased to 1.875%
- Market decreased to 2.375%

2.1.2 Expected Community Facilities interest rates beginning April 1, 2020 – Q3

- All decreased to 2.375%

2.1.3 Don’t forget our Guarantee program in both WEP and CF! We have interested lenders and some with extended terms.

IFA / SRF Loan Program

2.1.4 Update regarding commitment/timeline from IFA to complete the Storm Water Research Study associated with SEA4/HEA1406.

2.1.5 Annual water audits: Some training sessions completed, with 375 attending workshops to date. March and April training sessions have been postponed. ~80 people have become certified validators. Such validators have the option to be listed on the IFA website. As of today, the certified water audit submittal deadline remains August 1, 2020.

2.1.6 IFA has been directed to set up water planning regions and hold annual regional meetings. Clean Water and Drinking water only at this time; stormwater may participate, but is not required. Initial meetings focused on how the state should be divided into regions. Goal is to have the meetings be utility led and IFA to serve as a facilitator. Dates for upcoming meetings are on the IFA website. The first legislative utility meeting reporting date is March 1, 2021.

2.1.7 Lead sampling program for schools and daycares to continue.

2.1.8 2020 Drinking Water needs survey is ongoing. Participating utilities listed on the SRF website.

2.1.9 SRF is encouraging borrowers to submit PERs prior to May 1st 2020. Any project submitting prior to 5/1/2020 will be awarded 10 bonus points on the PER evaluation.

2.1.10 Beginning in SFY 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022), the deadline for submittal of PERs to be included on the SRF PPL, will be May 1, 2021.

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IU Public Policy Institute – eWig still occurring (2ND Thursday of month at 1:00 p.m. when requested).

Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) –

2.1.11 DRAFT 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan
Update on proposed program changes.  
Second hearing will be scheduled (one has already occurred) in light of restrictions on sizes of gatherings. Public comments do not necessarily need to be made in ‘Public’; can be submitted by phone or written correspondence. Comments can be submitted via email to Eric Ogle or Heidi. 

Based on feedback to date the PFP program will remain the same as previous years and the SIP will remain its own independent program and not be combined with W/WW program.

For W/WW program anticipated 2020 allocation is $10M, SIP is $3M (in previous years it was $4M but was never fully utilized).

OCRA cannot provide direction to municipalities regarding public meeting requirements. Municipalities are encouraged to contact the public access counsel and follow their recommendations and OCRA will recognize their recommendation.

OCRA will work with communities with regard to any program deadlines that are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

General discussion related to the potential of a State “relief package” that may include some combination of debt deferral, forgiveness, rate reduction, etc. to offset the challenges local officials will face in pushing capital improvement projects forward, particularly those that will require rate increases on residents that will be facing difficult financial times due to coronavirus. Several states/utilities are implementing policies that prohibit service disconnections, late payment penalties and reinstating previously disconnected services which could impact future revenues. Examples of these policies sent to the committee via email subsequent to the meeting.

3. ACEC UPDATES

GENERAL

ACEC are all working remotely. Many March/April event cancelled or postponed due to pandemic.

The 3/15/20 ACEC email update contained a summary of the recent legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
4. MISCELLANEOUS

EB&FS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE

4.1.1 Sub-committee members: Tony Akles, Theresa Criss-Hartwig, Patti Yount and Wes Christmas.

4.1.2 Sub-committee meeting on March 18, 2020 at 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. via conference call.

4.1.3 Conference will be held at Willows on Westfield on Thursday, September 24, 2020.

GENERAL FUNDING TIMELINES ACEC BROCHURE UPDATE

4.1.4 Sub-committee members: Mark Jesse, Brad King, Laurie Christie

Wes to coordinate with Beth to initiate work on the funding timeline brochure.

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Next Agenda Setting Meeting

June 3, 2020 1:30pm to 2:00pm

Conference Call

Next Agency Meeting

June 17, 2020 1:30pm to 2:30pm

1 North Capital First Floor Conference Room