



Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board Draft MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
May 24, 2011**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at the One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room #240.

Chair Jerry Garza called the Board Meeting to order at 9:55a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Garza, Michael Nail, Thomas Combs, and Paul Hovey.

Staff Members in Attendance: Leon Barba, Dan McNabb, Rick Holloway, Julie Kirby, Tony Canales, Sharon Cooper, Mike Watkins, Michael Neberman, Monty Lowell, and JB Meiers.

Board Members Not in Attendance: Board Member's William Harris, Jon Burrell, and Stephen Cox were absent.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes from the meeting of April 26, 2011 were approved on Board Member Thomas Comb's motion and Board Member Michael Nail's second for a 4-0-3 vote.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Monty Lowell, Engineer Associate for the Austin Water Utility, stated that he believes the City is still in conflict with the Federal government and the EPA regarding not addressing the elevator discharge which should be treated before discharge.

Trace Holland, Civil Engineer with Holland Engineering, Austin presented his mechanical diagram solution for an elevator sump pump discharge project for a building in downtown Austin. Diagram indicated a separate hydraulic oil reservoir.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Staff Presentation: Elevator sump pump

Rick Holloway, Supervisor, Building Inspections, Commercial Mechanical Plumbing Division, presented the current code language and the new proposed code language for City Code 25-12-153 section 322.1. Tony Canales, Environmental Conservation Division Manager, AWU, discussed that the Water Utility prefers to handle each commercial plan on a case by case basis. John Watkins and Sharon Cooper, Environmental Conservation Division, Watershed Dept., explained that their Division is the Regulatory Authority for Austin delegated by Federal Agencies (TCEQ, EPA) to administer and regulate criteria for how and when water and pre-treated water may enter the sanitary sewer or storm drain systems. City staff supports the revised ordinance language and prefers the flexibility of different options based on the needs and limitations of certain sites.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was opened on Board Member Michael Nail's motion and Paul Hovey's second for the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code amendment, and the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code amendment. After discussion, the Board took action and closed the public hearing on Board Member Tommy Comb's motion and Michael Nail's second for a vote of 4-0-3.

Action Taken: The Board approved the Mechanical Code amendment as written. The Board approved the Plumbing Code amendment as written, but added the following language: "an alarm or containment system be installed". The Board also directed staff to add language referencing the applicable City Code Sections.

5. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Nail and was seconded by Paul Hovey. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.