

## Meeting Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Introduction

- Steve Cavanaugh opens the meeting with a greeting and invites everyone to give a brief intro of themselves.
- The meeting minutes are available on the Meetings Recap page at [www.LEIgroup.org/recaps](http://www.LEIgroup.org/recaps)

### Comments from Stuart Hamilton – Chair of the Water Loss Specialist Group

- Asian Development Bank has linked to our report on LinkedIn.
- We are moving away from only looking at the volume of water and are paying attention to tons of carbon.
- The World Bank requires tons of carbon to be reported for funding now.
  - Bill King has been employed by the World Bank to study the carbon aspect.
- ADB and CariBank are on board with the methodology as well.
- The carbon aspect is opening us up to funding that previously wasn't there. It is impressive where we have gone with this initiative in such a short period of time and the engagement by IWA members has been unmatched.

### Will Jernigan Updates the group on the Carbon Balance

- Working on developing a model that incorporates Carbon Balance into the Water Balance software.
- We plan to have a working model open for testing soon.

### Carbon Markets

- Gold Standard has communicated that they are presenting the Concept Note to their Technical Advisory Committee.
  - Gold Standard plans to inform LEI of their decision here in the next few weeks.
- Arjun Patney gives a carbon buyer's perspective.
  - The story of how carbon emissions have been reduced is just as important as the carbon reduction themselves.
  - The potential for an attractive story with the LEI is here.
  - Water Filtration projects which currently exist are very attractive in the market.
- Additional discussion proceeded between the group around how the carbon credits work,
  - What are the interim steps into achieving carbon reduction?
  - What other aspects of the water utility should we include surrounding leakage?
  - How do we account for potential increases in leakage with projects?
- Verification of the carbon balance in accordance with registry standards will be important to understand and implement.

### Next meeting –September 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Attendance:

Amit Sharma  
Andrew King  
Andrew McCarthy  
Andrew Morris  
Andrew Wallace  
Arjun Patney  
Berry Drjisen  
Bambos Charalambous  
Drew Blackwell  
Jo Parker  
Korshiwor Peace Amotey  
Mary Ann Dickinson  
Maureen Hodgins  
Mike Wrigglesworth  
Mordecai Feldman  
Parthiv Soni  
Simon Wick  
Steve Cavanaugh  
Steve Tooms  
Stuart Hamilton  
Valerie Miller  
Will Jernigan