

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

10:00 am MST

CAAG Administrative Offices

1075 S. Idaho Road – Suite 300

Apache Junction, Arizona 85219

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Don Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality

Vice Chair Reg Glos, Pinal County Environmental Health

Jake Garrett, Gila County Department of Health

Jan Martin, Town of Queen Creek

John Mitchell, City of Eloy Public Works

Wayne Costa, Town of Florence Public Works

Edwina Vogan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ex-officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Gibson, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

GUESTS PRESENT

Debi Galbraith, Town of Payson

STAFF PRESENT

J. Peter Armenta, CAAG

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Planning Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am MST by Chair Don Gabrielson.

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *September 5, 2007*

◆ **Motion to adopt the minutes of the September 5, 2007 meeting made by Mr. Mitchell. The motion seconded by Mr. Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. *CAAG 208 AWWQMP Update Amendment for Town of Queen Creek Service Area and Designated Management Agency (CAAG 208 ID #2007-3)*

Mr. Armenta introduced and presented information regarding the proposed amendment to the CAAG 208 Plan, and introduced Mr. Liming who was present to give information and answer questions. Mr. Liming from PBS&J gave a brief presentation on the project.

The floor was then opened for questions and discussion ensued. Among the issues discussed were the Town of Florence providing a letter of support or no objection, potential overlap of service and/or planning areas, construction phasing, methods of connecting into the Greenfield Water Reclamation Facility, destination of effluent, and DMA boundary limitations.

◆ **Motion to recommend approval of the CAAG 208 AWWQMP amendment for the Town of Queen Creek made by Mr. Mitchell. Motion seconded by Mr. Garrett. Motion approved, 5-0. Mr. Costa and Ms. Martin were absent at the time of the vote..**

B. ***CAAG Resolution No. 2007-9, adopting Regional Water Quality Management Planning Standards***

Mr. Armenta introduced the item. The Committee and Staff has suggested that a formal set of standards be adopted as a way commemorate a consistent set of minimum standards for water quality planning.

Discussion ensued. The topics included what standards should be applied, how it would affect the Region and applications, and what should guide these minimum standards.

After some discussion, the Committee felt there should be more discussion on this issues, and by consensus, tabled this item to next meeting.

C. **Environmental Planning Committee Member Appointment**

The Town of Payson has elected to send Debra Galbraith to represent the Town on the Committee.

◆ **Motion to recommend the appointment of Debra Galbraith to the Environmental Planning Committee made by Mr. Mitchell. Motion seconded by Mr. Garrett. Motion carried 5-0.**

D. ***Discussion on CAAG Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Public Participation Plan***

Mr. Armenta gave a brief presentation on the current public participation plan for a proposed amendment. This item was brought up in relation to Item B, discussing water quality standards. The public participation plan was outlined, and the Committee was asked if there should be modifications to it. The Committee held a brief discussion, and decided it will revisit this item further as the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan is revised

V. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Gabrielson provided info on Air Quality, dust control, etc., and informed the Committee that there will soon be an Air Quality Summit, hosted by Pinal County. Information on the Summit will be provided as it becomes available.

VI. **STAFF REPORT**

Staff provided a written report.

VII. **SET DATE, TIME, & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Planning Committee will be January 9, 2008, 10:00 am MST, at the CAAG Conference Room.

VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

IX. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the Call to the Public.

X. **ADJOURN**

◆ **Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mitchell. Motion seconded by Mr. Glos. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm MST.**