

## **Environmental Planning Committee**

Tuesday, April 19, 2006

10:00 am MST

CAAG Conference Room

### **MINUTES**

#### **Members Present:**

Chair Donald Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality Department  
Vice-Chair Reg Glos, Pinal County Division of Environmental Health  
Richard Gibson, U of A Cooperative Extension  
Doug Mason, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District

#### **Members Absent:**

Wayne Costa, Town of Florence  
Dennis Kimberlin, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Gila County – vacant seat

#### **Guests:**

Delia Carlyle, Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Kendra Tso, Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Denise Price, Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Roman Orona, Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Gabe Lopez, Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Bart Smith, Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Trevor Hill, Global Water Resources  
Graham Symmonds, Global Water Resources  
Robin Bain, Global Water Resources  
Edwina Vogan, ADEQ  
Debra Daniel, ADEQ

#### **Staff:**

Maxine Leather, CAAG  
J. Peter Armenta, CAAG  
Andrea Robles, CAAG

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Gabrielson, Chair, called the Environmental Planning Committee Meeting to order at 10:10 am MST.

#### **II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll was taken, and a quorum was declared.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the meeting held March 8, 2006 was reviewed.

◆ **Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2006 as read. Motion seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for Willow Springs Utilities, LLC Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRF)**

Mr. Armenta informed the committee that this plan had been approved, with recommendations from the Environmental Planning Committee, by the Regional Council, and the State Water Quality Working Group.

However, upon final review from ADEQ, a potentially confusing phrase was placed in the plan, naming Willow Springs Utilities as the "designated management entity" in the text of the amendment and the letter of acknowledgement from Pinal County. ADEQ recommended this phrase be re-written to eliminate the possibility of it being misconstrued as "designated management agency."

Discussion ensued among the Committee. Although this item was listed as informational, the Committee, by consensus directed staff to take this item to Management

##### **B. Consideration of Policy Change that requires CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Amendments to be approved by Resolution of the CAAG Regional Council**

Mr. Armenta informed the Committee that it has been suggested by some officials in the region that 208 Plan Amendments be approved by Regional Council by Resolution. This would provide a paper trail on the approval of the plan, and would also included recommendations provided by the Environmental Planning Committee and Management Committee, and modifications made by the Regional Council.

A sample resolution, which would be used for all future plans was available for review. A short discussion was held on the merits of the item.

◆ **Mr. Mason made a motion change CAAG policy, requiring all future 208 Amendments be approved and adopted by Resolution of the CAAG Regional Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.**

##### **C. CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for Palo Verde Utilities Company Consolidated Service Area**

Mr. Hill, Mr. Symmonds, and Ms. Bain from Global Water Resources were present to give a brief presentation and answer questions regarding the Draft 208 plan. Mr. Armenta informed the Committee that there were two public hearings conducted on Monday, April 10, 2006. He also noted that both written and verbal comments were provided during the comment period, and they were documented in the Addendum.

Mr. Hill made a presentation on the project, including planned treatment and consolidation of seven Water Reclamation Facilities, potential wastewater flows, treatment, and discharge. Discussion ensued among the Committee and members from Global Water Resources. Items

discussed included the potential discharge locations, locations of the various Water Reclamation Facilities, and the large-scale scope of the plan. Chair Gabrielson also allowed comment from Delia Carlyle, Chair for the Ak-Chin Indian Community, which has issues with the plan. Among the comments, Ms. Carlyle requested a 60 day extension on a decision on the plan.

Many of the Committee members noted that this plan is of such a large scope that they had not had adequate time to review the plan in detail.

In light of the surrounding issues, Chair Gabrielson suggested that the Environmental Planning Committee reconvene in approximately 30 days to further discuss the plan.

**◆ Mr. Mason made a motion to table the item, and continue the technical review in approximately 30 days. Motion seconded by Mr. Glos. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Committee also directed Mr. Armenta to arrange a meeting with Global Water Resources and the Ak-Chin Indian Community to discuss the plan and come to a possible agreement.**

#### **V. CHAIR REPORT**

Mr. Gabrielson had no report.

#### **VI. STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Armenta reported that there were more 208 reviews for the Committee in later months. He also informed the committee that April 23<sup>rd</sup> was Earth Day, and encouraged everyone to do something to promote the environment.

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

Mr. Armenta was directed by the Committee to secure a date, time, and location for the next meeting in approximately 30 days. The day, time, and location will be announced will inform all necessary parties.

#### **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

#### **IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the call to the public.

#### **X. ADJOURN**

**◆ Mr. Mason made a motion to adjourn this session of the Environmental Planning Committee. Second made by Mr. Glos. Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am MST.