

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2006**

**10:00 am MST**

**CAAG Conference Room**

**402 Main Street**

**Superior, Arizona 85273**

## **MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Don Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality  
Ralph Bustamonte for Reg Glos, Pinal County Environmental Health  
Jake Garrett, Gila County Health Services  
Rick Gibson, U of A Cooperative Extension  
Rick Isles for Wayne Costa, Town of Florence  
Doug Mason, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Greg Brown, Specific Engineering  
Julie Finke, ADEQ  
Edwina Vogan, ADEQ

### **STAFF PRESENT**

J. Peter Armenta, CAAG

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER –*Chair Don Gabrielson***

The Environmental Planning Committee Meeting called to order at 10:05 am MST by Chair Don Gabrielson.

#### **II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll was taken, and a quorum was established, with all members present.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *September 6, 2006***

◆ **Motion to adopt the minutes of the September 6, 2006 meeting as presented was made by Mr. Gibson. Motion seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

##### **A. CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for Johnson Utilities Company Service Area Expansion (CAAG 208 ID #2007-9)**

Mr. Armenta introduced and presented information regarding the proposed amendment to the CAAG 208 Plan. Greg Brown, Specific Engineering, and representative for Johnson Utilities Company, LLC was present, and made a brief presentation on the proposed amendment.

Questions and discussion ensued. Topics included issues with the issuance and lack of a contiguous area for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), projected wastewater flows for the project, growth rate for the area, and Arizona Discharge Pollution Elimination System (AZPDES) application status.

After discussion, Mr. Armenta mentioned that ADEQ made a request to integrate this amendment with the Johnson Utilities Company Amendment approved by EPC in September 2006. This request was made to make the application process for Johnson Utilities easier at the ADEQ and EPA levels. After discussion, the Committee felt this type of integration would be imprudent, since this would possibly diminish the historic value of the amendment process.

◆ **Motion to recommend approval of the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for Johnson Utilities Company Service Area Expansion, CAAG 208 ID #2007-9, contingent upon the issuance of a CC&N by the ACC was made by Mr. Mason. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Amendment to the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update, allowing Designated Management Agencies to adjust their boundary to conform with current City/Town Limits**

Mr. Armenta introduced the item, explaining this process was initiated at the request of some of the CAAG member agencies. This amendment would allow a municipality that currently possesses Designated Management Agency (DMA) status to adjust their DMA boundary to conform with their city limits by means of an administrative review.

Discussion ensued. Topics centered on the meaning and relevance of DMA status, and how allowing a municipality TO adjust boundaries would affect the area. After discussion, the Committee looked at the language. Chair Gabrielson proposed some modifications to the language, including the requirement by the municipality to obtain a letter of support or no objection from any wastewater utility company that would be included within the boundary adjustment, and mention that this process would be reviewed by the Management Committee prior to going to the Regional Council (the amendment will be included with these minutes).

◆ **Motion to recommend approval of the Amendment to the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update, allowing a municipal DMA to adjust their boundary to conform to their city/town limits, with the aforementioned modifications, was made by Mr. Mason. Motion seconded by Mr. Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Gabrielson had no report for the Committee.

**VI. STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Armenta provided a brief written report on upcoming 208 amendments, and other

housekeeping information. Mr. Armenta also reported that the Committee lost the USDA Natural Resources Conservation District as a member. The Committee is now short at least one member – bylaws state the Committee should run with at least seven (7) members. Mr. Armenta mentioned that the Arizona State Land Department may be interested in serving. The Committee also felt that those agencies that contain DMA status should also sit on the Committee, and directed staff to proceed with the search with State Land and DMAs.

Mr. Armenta also requested permission to disseminate information on 208 plans digitally, rather than hard copy drafts, in an effort to conserve resources. The Committee discussed it and agreed to try a test run with the next 208 plan.

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

The next meeting of the EPC will be Wednesday, March 7, 10:00 am at the CAAG Conference Room in Superior.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the Call to the Public.

**X. ADJOURN**

◆ **Mr. Gibson moved to adjourn. Mr. Mason seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am MST.**