

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

10:00 am MST

CAAG Conference Room

402 Main Street

Superior, Arizona 85273

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Donald Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality Department
Vice-Chair Reg Glos, Pinal County Environmental Health
Wayne Costa, Town of Florence Public Works
Mark Felix for Dennis Kimberlin, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Richard Gibson, U of A Cooperative Extension
Doug Mason, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District

Members Absent:

Gila County – vacant seat.

Guests:

Kendra Tso, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Roman Orona, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Robert Palmquist, Strickland and Strickland – General Counsel for Ak-Chin Indian Community
Trevor Hill, Global Water Resources
Graham Symmonds, Global Water Resources
Edwina Vogan, ADEQ
Julie Finke, ADEQ

Staff:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – *Chair Donald Gabrielson*

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Donald Gabrielson.

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *May 19, 2006* *Review, Discussion, and Decision*

◆ **Mr. Costa made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2006 as read. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Information on New Proposed Rule to National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).**

Mr. Armenta provided information to the Committee regarding changes in the NPDES program, which may have ramifications on structures such as levees and dams. A copy of the proposed rule change from the Federal Register was distributed, and information about the comment period was provided.

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

Mr. Armenta presented the item, which was continued from the May 19, 2006 meeting.

Mr. Hill from Global Water Resources presented new regarding the plan that had occurred since the May 19, 2006 meeting, including the removal of discharge points south of the Ak-Chin Community, move to 100% reuse w/dischARGE points as a "safety valve," and locating recharge points in the southern areas that will be most beneficial and efficient. The Ak-Chin Indian Community confirmed this change and their agreement.

Discussion ensued among the Committee. Items focused on PVUC's claim of being a de-facto DMA, agreements with the Ak-Chin Indian Community, permitting requirements, landowner information regarding discharge locations, and regional acceptance.

◆ **Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the PVUC CSA Amendment in concept by a Resolution of the Environmental Planning Committee, with the stipulation that Global Water Resources, or Palo Verde Utilities Company is not empowered as a Designated Management Agency (DMA). Motion seconded by Mr. Glos. Motion carried unanimously.**

◆ **Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the PVUC CSA subject to stipulation that Global Water Resources or Palo Verde Utilities Company is not designated as a Designated Management Agency (DMA). Motion seconded by Mr. Glos. Motion carried unanimously.**

V. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Gabrielson had no report.

VI. **STAFF REPORT**

CAAG Executive Director Maxine Leather reported to the Committee on the request for reassignment of the Arizona Utility Service and Supply Company 208 Amendment for Pecan Ranch to Johnson Utilities Company. This is moving forward as an administrative review.

Mr. Armenta also provided a brief report on upcoming 208 amendments, and other housekeeping information.

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

The next meeting of the Environmental Planning Committee will be Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 10:00 am, at the CAAG Conference Room in Superior.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee indicated they would like to revisit the requirement of a 208 amendment being approved contingent upon Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) being issued by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one responded to the Call to the Public.

X. ADJOURN

◆ **Mr. Mason made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Glos. Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm MST.**