

Environmental Planning Committee

Tuesday, March 8, 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
Morris Taylor for Wayne Costa, Town of Florence
Richard Gibson, U of A Cooperative Extension
Dennis Kimberlin, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Doug Mason, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District

Members Absent:

Gila County – vacant seat

Guests:

Mike Caporaso, WestLand Resources, LLC
Jamie Argueta, Willow Springs Properties, LLC
Edwina Vogan, ADEQ
Julie Finke, ADEQ

Staff:

J. Peter Armenta, CAAG
Robert Wilson, CAAG

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gabrielson, Chair, called the Environmental Planning Committee Meeting to order at 10:02 am MST.

II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roll was taken, and a quorum was declared.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held November 2, 2005 was reviewed.

◆ **Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2005 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. Caporaso from WestLand Resources, LLC and Mr. Argueta from Willow Springs Properties, LLC were present to give a brief presentation and answer questions regarding the Draft 208 Plan. Mr. Armenta informed the committee that a public hearing was conducted on Thursday, March 2, 2006, and no comments were received.

After a brief presentation by Mr. Caporaso, describing the scope of the project, including wastewater flows, treatment, and discharge. Discussion ensued among the committee and Mr. Caporaso, regarding the plan amendment. Discussion centered on safety factors, including floodplain issues, and erosion of soil; potential, or the lack thereof, for fresh water pollution; discharge and the potential for vectors; the potential for serving neighboring state land in the future; and on-site systems for the Parcel 1 area, and the number that may be in operation.

◆ **Mr. Glos made a motion to recommend to the Regional Council approval of the 208 Plan Amendment for the Willow Springs Utilities Company, subject to:**

- **Revision made to the plan to illustrate the total number of discharge points.**
- **Revision to demonstrate an estimate of the number of on-site discharge facilities.**
- **The addition of an Air Quality Permit to the list of the plan's required permits.**

Motion, with provisos, was seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR REPORT

Mr. Gabrielson had no report.

VI. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Armenta reported that he attended ASU Polytechnic's Water Quality Seminar on February 15th. He also informed the committee of continuing plan amendments and a future attempt to revise the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan.

VII. SET DATE, TIME, LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Armenta informed the committee that the Regional Council would possibly move their meeting to accommodate the Pinal County Town Hall on April 26-28. In this respect, he also indicated that moving the EPC date to coincide with the Wednesday before Management Committee would help to provide extra time to prepare materials from the Public Hearings that will be held on Monday, April 10, 2006.

The Committee agreed, by consensus to have the meeting coincide with the Wednesday before Management Committee (Wednesday, April 19), which was anticipated to be moved to Friday, April 21, at the CAAG Conference Room.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Vogan suggested to the committee to consider two issues for later meetings:

- Discussion on possible policies addressing on-site systems in relation to regional sewer systems, and how it may be addressed in the CAAG Areawide Water Quality Management Plan.
- Discussion on the concept of "Regional Planning," in light of upcoming revisions to the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan.

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 11:35 am MST.