

## **Environmental Planning Committee**

Friday, May 19, 2006

10:00 am MST

CAAG Conference Room

### **MINUTES**

#### **Members Present:**

Chair Donald Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality Department  
Richard Gibson, U of A Cooperative Extension  
Atul Shah for Reg Glos, Pinal County Environmental Health Department  
Morris Taylor for Wayne Costa, Town of Florence Public Works

#### **Members Absent:**

Dennis Kimberlin, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Doug Mason, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District  
Gila County – vacant seat

#### **Guests:**

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  
Brian Bennon, Gila River Indian Community  
Wahlean Riggs, Gila River Indian Community  
Trevor Hill, Global Water Resources  
Graham Symmonds, Global Water Resources  
Robin Bain, Global Water Resources  
Edwina Vogon, 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 10:35 am MST.

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

Roll was taken, and a quorum was declared.

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

Minutes from the meeting held April 19, 2006 was reviewed.

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

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

##### **A. Update on recognition for John Breninger**

Mr. Armenta updated the committee on the plans to recognize Mr. John Breninger, who retired from the Committee in December. The Committee directed staff in an earlier meeting to provide an opportunity to recognize Mr. Breninger. Mr. Armenta informed the committee that he would be recognized at the June Regional Council in Payson. Mr. Breninger will be presented a clock in recognition of his many years of service.

##### **B. Consideration of Filling EPC Vacancy**

Mr. Armenta informed the Committee that they have been operating with a vacancy since Mr. Breninger's departure. Gila County Manager Steve Besich was approached to fill the vacancy to represent Gila County. Mr. Besich, with the approval of the Gila County the Gila County Board of Supervisors, has recommended Mr. Garrett to serve as Gila County's representative on the EPC.

◆ **Mr. Gibson made a motion to recommend the appointment of Mr. Jake Garrett to the Environmental Planning Committee to Regional Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Shah. Motion carried unanimously.**

##### **C. Consideration of a 30-, 60-, or 90-day Extension on the Technical Review for the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Palo Verde Utilities Company Consolidated Service Area**

Mr. Armenta informed the Committee that the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, and the Tohono O'Odham Nation have all requested an extension of the Committee's Technical Review of the Palo Verde Utilities Company (PVUC) Consolidated Service Area (CSA) Plan Amendment. These requests were lodged during the Public Comment period, and were initially discussed during the April Committee Meeting. Mr. Armenta also informed the Committee that the Communities initially requested a 60-day extension, but have now requested a 90-day extension.

◆ **Mr. Gibson made a motion to table the item until after Item D of current EPC agenda was discussed. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously**

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

Mr. Armenta informed the Committee that this item had been tabled from the April Committee Meeting to allow the members a chance to review the item in full. The Committee had directed staff to set a meeting to get Global Water Resources and the Ak-Chin Indian Community, so they may discuss their issues and come to a possible resolution of their differences and issues. This meeting was not able to be set up due to availability of the groups, however, a meeting was held with Global Water and the Ak-Chin independent of the direction, discussing their issues. Staff also provided was a number of communications from the Indian Communities and Global Water to CAAG.

Mr. Bennon from the Gila River Indian Community voiced his concerns regarding industrial pretreatment requirements, and how it would affect not only GRIC but the Ak-Chin. Discussion ensued, including information from Global Water on how they would attempt to mitigate such issues.

Mr. Hill from Global Water discussed some of the results of the meeting between their company and Ak-Chin. He informed the Committee that any discharges that may affect the Ak-Chin Indian Community, environmentally, culturally, or otherwise, have been removed from the plan. In exchange, the Ak-Chin would sign a letter of understanding.

Ms. Price from the Ak-Chin Community indicated that this did occur, however, is not finalized since many of the members of the Tribal Council has not seen the full plan. She indicated, however that a resolution was possible, and things "looked pretty good." Mr. Hill informed the Committee that the groups would meet again to finalize a possible agreement.

Discussion ensued among the Committee. Topics included issues with discharge locations, the ability or need to discharge, the elimination of all discharges, the monitoring and disclosure of information and statistics, and possible conditions added to a CC&N application.

A short recess was taken. After reconvening, discussion continued, regarding a possible resolution for the approval and adoption of the CAAG 208 AWWQMP Amendment for PVUC CSA. Mr. Armenta also informed the Committee since this was not the regular meeting date for the Committee there would be an opportunity to hold another Committee Meeting to shore up any loose issues.

**◆ Mr. Taylor made a motion to endorse the plan in concept and table the final approval and Resolution to the next EPC Meeting to be held on June 14, 2006. Second by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Consideration of a 30-, 60-, or 90-day Extension on the Technical Review for the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Palo Verde Utilities Company Consolidated Service Area**

**◆ Mr. Gibson made a motion to table a consideration of an extension of a technical review. Second by Mr. Shah. Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. CHAIR REPORT**

Mr. Gabrielson had no report.

**VI. STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Armenta again mentioned that Mr. Breninger will be honored at the June 23, 2006 Regional Council Meeting in Payson, starting at 1:30 pm.

Mr. Armenta also informed the Committee that Mr. Garrett would still not be eligible to vote at the June 14, 2006 Committee Meeting, since he would not have attained his appointment by Regional Council, however, he may engage in discussion.

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

The next Environmental Planning Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2006, 10:00 am MST, 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. Taylor made a motion to adjourn this session of the Environmental Planning Committee. Second made by Mr. Shah. Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm MST.