

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 2, 2005

10:00 am

CAAG Conference Room

402 Main Street

Superior, AZ 85273

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair Donald Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality Department

John Breninger, Volunteer Citizen, Gila County

Wayne Costa, Town of Florence

Richard Gibson, Univ. of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service

Doug Mason, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District

Atul Shah for Reg Gloss, Pinal County Division of Environmental Health

Members Absent:

Dennis Kimberlin, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Guests:

Andrew Gilmore, URSCorp

Paul Vonderharr, Corrections Corporation of America

Dr. Fred Goldman, Kennedy/Jenks

Robin Bain, Global Water Resources

Trevor Hill, Global Water Resources

Graham Symmonds, Global Water Resources

Julie Collins, ADEQ

Edwina Vogan, 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 10:05 am MST.

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Roll was taken, and a quorum was declared.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held May 31, 2005 was reviewed.

◆ Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 208 Amendment for Red Rock Correctional Center Wastewater Treatment Facility

Mr. Gilmore from URSCorp, and Mr. Vonderharr from CCA were present to answer questions on the Draft 208 Plan. Mr. Armenta informed the committee that a public hearing was conducted on Tuesday, November 1, and no comments were submitted nor received.

Discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Gilmore, regarding the CCA 208 Plan Amendment. Discussion centered on ground quality issues, its effect on evaporation and percolation of the proposed infiltration ponds, and storm water planning/management.

◆ Mr. Gibson made a motion to recommend to the Regional Council approval of the 208 Plan Amendment for the Red Rock Correctional Center with the following proviso:

- 1. CCA, URSCorp, or other agents shall demonstrate and clarify their position on compliance with Storm Water Pollution Prevention (e. g. obtaining a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan permit – SWPPP)**

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

B. 208 Amendment for Palo Verde Utilities Company, LLC Southwest Service Area Water Reclamation Facility

Mr. Hill, President of Global Water/Palo Verde Utilities Company, LLC, gave a presentation on their plans for the Southwest Service Area Water Reclamation Facility. Mr. Hill gave background on current operations, how they will implement current standards to the Southwest WRF, and growth projections.

Mr. Hill, Ms. Bain, and Mr. Symmonds from Global Water Resources, and Dr. Fred Goldman from Kennedy/Jenks were present to answer questions on the Draft 208 Plan. Mr. Armenta informed the committee that a public hearing was conducted on Tuesday, November 1, and no comments were received during at that time. One written comment was submitted via e-mail from Terry Doolittle, Pinal County Deputy County Manger, including a memo from Mr. Glos, who was unable to attend the EPC Meeting.

Discussion ensued among the Committee and the group from Global Water. Discussion centered around recharge, discharge, and reclamation issues; adequate service to the area, in light of previous plans from a failed 208 plan that proposed two WTTF; and property owner's support of the PVUC 208 Amendment.

◆ Mr. Mason made a motion to recommend to the Regional Council approval of the 208 Plan Amendment for the Palo Verde Utilities Company, LLC Southwest Service Area Water Reclamation Facility, contingent upon an issuance of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) from the Arizona Corporation Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Breninger. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Election of Officers

Mr. Gabrielson opened the floor for the nomination of officers for the Environmental Planning Committee. Discussion ensued on the current and continuance of current leaders.

◆ Mr. Gibson made a motion to elect the current officers for FY 2006.

- Donald Gabrielson, Chair**
- Reg Glos, Vice-Chair**

Motion seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Gabrielson did not have a report.

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

The tentative date of the next Environmental Planning Committee will be Wednesday, January 4, 2006, 10:00 am, at the CAAG Conference Room in Superior, or other date agreed upon by the committee, provided there are items on the agenda.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

It was brought to the Committee's attention that Mr. Breninger will be resigning from the EPC at the end of the year, and in effect, this was his last meeting. The Committee conveyed their appreciation and gratitude for Mr. Breninger's 11 years of continuous service to the committee.

Upon discussion from the Committee, Mr. Gabrielson recommended direction for CAAG staff, asking for recognition for Mr. Breninger's faithful service, either by Regional Council Resolution, or other appropriate measures.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the call to the public.

IX. ADJORN

◆ Motion to adjourn this session of the Environmental Planning Committee made by Mr. Breninger. Motion seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm MST.