

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

10:00 am MST

Central Arizona Association of Governments Administrative Office

1075 S. Idaho Road – Suite 300

Apache Junction, AZ 85219

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – *Chair Donald Gabrielson*

The Environmental Planning Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Don Gabrielson at 10:08 am MST

II. **ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll was taken and a quorum was established. Guests introduced themselves.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *September 3, 2008*

Chair Gabrielson posed a correction to the minutes. In Section IV (A) – New Business, Gold Canyon Sewer Company, Paragraph 4, Mr. Gabrielson requested that item 1 in Paragraph 4 read "... Gold Canyon Sewer Company, has placed an individual property owner in the unusual position to 'make an amendment' to the proposed 208 amendment, rather than the utility provider submit an 'inclusive' amendment ..."

◆ **Motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2008 made by Mr. Mason with corrections. Second by Mr. Louis. Motion carried.**

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Plan Updates** – *J. Peter Armenta*

Mr. Armenta gave a brief update on current plans either in process or about to be submitted.

B. **Regional Water Quality Planning Guidelines**

Mr. Armenta introduced the item. This item was initially discussed a year ago. The item today is a continuation of that discussion.

Items discussed were the intent of the Guidelines, how they would or would not be implemented, and specifics of the guidelines. Specifically, the Committee discussed Planning Guidelines 1, 2, 3, and 6, provided by staff; and a list of Planning Principles distributed by Mr. Gabrielson.

Staffers from ADEQ noted that any guidelines that are adopted by the Committee and ultimately by Regional Council should be an amendment to the CAAG 208 Plan.

Within the discussion, the Committee felt the "Planning Principles" provided by Mr. Gabrielson and the "Planning Guidelines" provided by staff should work in concert. The Principles define the overall idea of what should happen with a proposed amendment, and the Guidelines are goals that an applicant should strive for.

The Committee also felt that Guideline #1 should be refined to address the goal of establishing a facility – rather than attempting to make a laundry list of what a regional facility is or is not. This guideline should strive to define objective criteria to maximize a facility's ability to serve an area, and maximize reuse and recharge options. Staff will rework this guideline to fit specific comments compiled during discussion.

Guideline #3, discussion packaged plants, was discussed in concert with Guideline #1. It was determined that packaged plants, in and of itself, were not necessarily bad, rather the method in which they were typically implemented. Historically, packaged plants have been implemented in small subdivisions to provide sewer without planning and not taking into consideration development that may come about. Packaged plants may be a solution in some cases, but should be used in concert with planning. The Committee agreed that this Guideline be removed, but some of the principles of planning brought up in the discussion should be included in Guideline #1.

The Committee also felt that as part of this Planning Process, other groups should be brought up to speed on the implications of 208 planning. Planning and Zoning Commissioners and staff should have more knowledge in this process, and more specifically, the implications of wastewater planning. The Committee directed staff to develop a plan to educate local governments on the 208 planning process and its implications.

The Committee also looked over Guidelines #2 and #6, and acknowledged this was currently in the CAAG 208 Plan, and should remain.

Guidelines #4 and #5 will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

No formal action was taken.

v. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Gabrielson announced the Pinal County Air Quality Summit would take place on Friday, November 7, at Harrah's Phoenix-Ak-Chin Casino and Resort.

vi. **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Armenta noted that staff may begin exploring the revision of the 208 Plan, and may ask the Committee to re-establish the 208 Subcommittee.

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

Wednesday, January 7, 2009
10 am
CAAG Administrative Offices
Apache Junction

viii. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

IX. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the call to the public.

X. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm MST.

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