

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, September 5, 2007**

**10:00 am MST**

**CAAG Administrative Offices**

**1075 S. Idaho Road – Suite 300**

**Apache Junction, Arizona 85219**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Don Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality

Vice Chair Reg Glos, Pinal County Environmental Health

Jake Garrett, Gila County Department of Health

Rick Gibson, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

John Mitchell, City of Eloy Public Works

Morris Taylor for Wayne Costa, Town of Florence Public Works

Edwina Vogan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ex-officio)

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Debra Daniel, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ex-officio)

Doug Mason, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Sylvia Kerlock, Town of Winkelman

Bob Conti, Burgess and Niple

Jim Campbell, Burgess and Niple

Dennis Meek, Burgess and Niple

Anastasia Wyatt, PMC

David Annis, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (ADEMA)

Rich Petrus, Hydro Geo Chem, Inc.

Ken Buchanan, Pinal County

Steve Besich, Gila County

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

J. Peter Armenta, CAAG

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Environmental Planning Committee Meeting called to order at 10:00 am MST by Chair Don Gabrielson.

#### **II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *May 23, 2007***

◆ **Motion to adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2007 meeting made by Mr. Gibson. Motion seconded by Mr. Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. **CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for Silverbell Army National Guard Heliport WWTF (CAAG 208 ID #2007-12)**

Mr. Armenta introduced and presented information regarding the proposed amendment to the CAAG 208 Plan, and introduced Mr. Petrus and Mr. Annis who were present to give information and answer questions. Mr. Petrus from Hydro Geo Chem gave a brief presentation on the project.

The floor was then opened for questions and discussion ensued. Topics of discussion centered on the treatment of effluent, specifically creating B+ effluent in lieu of A+ effluent; effluent disposal, including reuse, recharge, and discharge, and which of these principles will most likely be implemented; discussion of possible discharge with the Arizona State Land Department; the consolidation of treatment facilities with adjacent Evergreen Air Center; stormwater runoff issues; and facility construction questions.

Amidst the discussion, many in the Committee voiced their concerns regarding the plan, and determined that clarifications and revisions to the plan would be required, including revisiting effluent quality, reuse and recharge options, and a letter of support or no objection from the State Land Department if discharge is to remain an option. The Committee felt that the item should be tabled to allow ADEMA to revise and/or reconsider options.

**◆ Motion to table this item for 2 months, and be revisited at the November 7 meeting made by Mr. Garrett. Motion seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.**

##### B. **Discussion on Hayden/Winkelman Wastewater Consolidation**

Mr. Armenta introduced the item. He explained that the Towns of Hayden and Winkelman were looking for input in how to proceed with a potential consolidation of wastewater infrastructure. Hayden had previously received a Notice of Violation (NOV) from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). As a means to address the NOV, Hayden is planning to pipe their sewage to the Town of Winkelman Wastewater Treatment Facility. This facility has a current capacity of approximately 120,000 gallons per day (GPD), and are operating at roughly 30,000 GPD. The facility today could safely handle additional flow from the Town of Hayden, however, the additional flow would trigger required planning for the expansion of this facility. The facility is also currently discharging B+ effluent to the Gila River. An expansion would also require the facility to adhere to current CAAG standards of complete reuse/recharge of effluent, or in the event of discharge, treat to A+ quality standards.

Mr. Campbell from Burgess and Niple, the engineering firm for the Towns, gave an overview of project. Anastasia Wyatt from PMC also provided information on the project.

After the brief presentation, the floor was opened for discussion. The discussion centered around effluent quality upon expansion, potential reuse and recharge options, the implementation of higher standards that are currently employed by the Town of Winkelman, the cost of implementation, and how it would financially affect local residents.

Upon discussion, the Committee emphasized its policy of the reuse and recharge of excess effluent to the greatest extent possible, and the treatment of effluent to A+ quality

standards. Pinal County also restated their policy of reuse/recharge and A+ effluent.

This item was a discussion, and no formal action was to be taken.

C. **Environmental Planning Committee Member Appointment**

The Town of Queen Creek, who is in the process of applying for DMA status, has elected to send Janet Martin to represent Queen Creek on the Committee.

◆ **Motion to recommend the appointment of Janet Martin to the Environmental Planning Committee made by Mr. Mitchell. Motion seconded by Mr. Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. **Election of Environmental Planning Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Armenta noted that Mr. Gabrielson and Mr. Glos have served as Committee Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the last year. As standard procedure, the Committee must choose leadership at the first meeting of the new Fiscal Year. Discussion ensued on possible leadership

◆ **Motion to retain Mr. Gabrielson as Committee Chair and Mr. Glos as Committee Vice Chair made by Mr. Gibson. Motion seconded by Mr. Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.**

V. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Gabrielson gave no formal report.

VI. **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Armenta provided the Committee with a written report, and had added that he would like to begin revision of the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan. He felt the best way to begin is a discussion with the Committee regarding the Public Process. This will be on the next agenda.

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

The next meeting of the Environmental Planning Committee will be Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 10:00 am MST, at the CAAG, 1075 S. Idaho Road – Suite 300, Apache Junction, AZ 85219.

VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

IX. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the Call to the Public.

X. **ADJOURN**

◆ **Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mitchell. Motion seconded by Mr. Garrett. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm MST.**