

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (EPC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016

CAG CONFERENCE ROOM

1075 SOUTH IDAHO ROAD, SUITE 300

APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA 85119

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice-Chair Darron Anglin-Apache Junction Greg Homol – Queen Creek Dave Cruce – Pinal County
Edwina Vogon-ADEQ Chris Jones-ASU Extension Service

VIA TELEPHONE:

Jake Garrett-Gila County Terry McKeon – Casa Grande Matt Rencher-Coolidge
Stephen Dean-Marana

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jerry Barnes-Globe Joe Heatherly-Miami Ken Martin-Eloy LaRon Garrett – Payson
Kazi Haque-Maricopa

GUESTS

Bill Clemmens -Tri-City Regional Sanitation District (TRSD) Roxie Hadley-TRSD
Mike Krebs- PACE Travis Ashbaugh-CAG

STAFF:

Alan Urban– Community Development Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garrett called the meeting to order via telephone at 10:05 AM in the CAG Conference Room located at 1075 South Idaho Road, Apache Junction, and Arizona 85119.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Greg Homol led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call and introductions were taken. Seven (7) voting members were present establishing a quorum. Five (5) members were absent. Mr. Garrett requested Mr. Anglin Chair the meeting due to Mr. Garrett's attendance by telephone.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 5, 2015 and February 10, 2016

Vice-Chair Anglin asked for comments on minutes of the past meeting on February 10, 2016. Minor changes were requested by Mr. Anglin. Mr. Homol moved for approval with the changes

included, Mr. Garrett seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the DRAFT 2016 CAG Water Quality Management Plan

Mr. Urban reported there that the new CAG Plan has been through a second round of Public Hearings after the last edits made by the EPC. Only one comment was received from the public. Mr. Fred Rosenfeld noted that the Pinal and Cobre Valley Sanitary Districts are listed in the new plan as holding current DMAs. Acting Chair Anglin invited comments from those in attendance, none were offered. Mr. Urban reported that the next steps for the Plan review include presentations to CAG's Management Committee and then Regional Council. If either has questions the Plan would be returned to the EPC for consideration. If both bodies approve the Plan, it will be presented to the Statewide Water Quality Management Working Group (SWQMWG) for their review in respect to the other plans in the State. If they approve of the Plan it will go onto the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for its review and ultimately to EPA for final approval. Mr. Garrett moved for approval of the Plan as presented, Mr. Homol seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Garrett suggested that the committee thank Alan (Urban) and Travis (Ashbaugh) for all the work it took on their part to finalize this document. The committee did so with a round of applause. Mr. Urban, specifically thanked Travis (Ashbaugh) for all his assistance after having left CAG to work for Pinal County saying "his assistance was critical to the plan's completion.

Mr. Urban reported that Mr. Ashbaugh had recently rejoined the staff at CAG as the Transportation Planning Manager. As a result he discussed representation on the EPC with Pinal County Manager Stanley. Mr. Stanley indicated Mr. Atul Shah, would be the only representative for Pinal County on the EPC from this time forward considering both planning and technical issues. Mr. Dave Cruce would be the alternate for Mr. Shah.

Mr. Anglin requested a timeline for the New Plan going forward. Mr. Urban indicated that the SWQMWG had recently gone to an "as needed" process and that the CAG Plan should be presented to them in July or August. After that the ADEQ and EPA should be completed yet this year.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. CHAIR REPORT

Acting Chair Anglin indicated he had nothing to report. Chairman Garrett updated the committee on a reorganization of his position within the Gila County government. His Wastewater Management position has been moved from the Health Department to the Community Development Department. Representation on the CAG EPC remains his responsibility.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Urban reported that there had been a special meeting concerning the status of the Tri-City Regional Sanitary District's DMA. The meeting took place at Cag and included:

Arizona State Senator Barbara McGuire

Two staffers from the Arizona Legislature via conference call

ADEQ, Water Division Director, Trevor Baggio

ADEQ, Water Division Technical Advisor, Linda Taunt (ex-officio to CAG EPC)

TRSD representatives: Mary Moreno, Vice Chair, TRSD Board

Mike Krebs, PACE Engineering

Fred Rosenfeld, Attorney

Bill Clemmens, TRSD Attorney

Roxie Hadley, TRSD Secretary

EPC Members: Vice Chair Darron Anglin

CAG staff: Executive Director, Ken Hall

Community Development Manager, Alan Urban

Past EPC Vice Chair, Travis Ashbaugh

(sitting in for Chair Jake Garret who could not attend)

This meeting was held as a result of the inquiry concerning ADEQ's, and the EPS's, opinion on the status of a DMA for TRSD as the result of the merger of the Pinal and Cobre Valley Sanitary districts. The inquiry was made by Mr. Urban at the instruction of the EPC because such a merger had never been done in Arizona previously. After considerable discussion of history, current circumstances, and the future of possible sewer service in the area the meeting arrived at a consensus for moving forward. Mr. Urban commented he felt the process agreed to was a reasonable one and he was moving forward to carry it out. ADEQ agreed to provide a letter to CAG expressing recognition of TRSD as the Administrator of the two existing DMAs for both Pinal and Cobre Valley Sanitary Districts. The letter would also include the requirement that TRSD present an application for a 208 Amendment to CAG within 12-18 months. TRSD must submit an Amendment establishing a 20 year management plan for the area to be served. Mr. Urban will send the letter onto the U. S. Department of Agriculture stating CAG's receipt of the ADEQ letter and support of the process for TRSD moving forward with their plan to sewer the region defined in the DMA areas of both Pinal and Cobre Valley Sanitary Districts.

There was a short discussion to compare the various elements of this process and to clarify for each party involved their part moving forward. Mr. Urban stated that the principle requirement for the Amendment is to fulfill the planning requirement under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. There was general consensus on what had been discussed and agreed to at the special meeting.

Mr. Anglin stopped discussion, reminding the members that the Staff Report could not consider any decisions or actions. He instructed that the TRSD item be added to the Agenda for the August meeting to review progress and future actions.

Mr. Urban also presented a brief description of a proposed Amendment coming forward from Johnson Utilities Company (JUC). JUC wants add discharge to the operation of three (3) of their current Water Recharge Plants. He indicated they are looking at their Anthem, Section 11, and

Pecan Creek facilities. Mr. Urban pointed out that CAG is still operating under the 1994 Plan, but the regional goals have changed as the new Plan was developed, and requested some guidance from committee as to instructions for JUC. He explained that they want to be able to discharge approximately 25% of their winter flow volumes at the three (3) plants. After a short discussion, Mr. Anglin directed Mr. Urban to research and compare the various documents to determine the current requirements of JUC and their options for the Amendment.

This concluded the Staff Report.

IX. SET DATE, TIME, & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING-2016 Calendar

Mr. Urban requested the members consult their calendars and make sure they had the August and November dates. The members indicated they did and there was no further discussion.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Acting Chair Anglin opened the floor for the call from the public. No one answered the call.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 PM.

Draft respectfully submitted July 25, 2016, by Alan Urban, Community Development Manager

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