



# Environmental Planning Committee

March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** March 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Online Zoom Meeting

**CALL IN: 877-853-5257      MEETING ID: 816 2555 3656      MEETING PASSWORD: 942953**

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## I. Call to Order

Chairman Anglin called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. due to a delay in connecting with Mr. Urban at CAG.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Roll Call & Introductions of Guests

**Members Present:** Chairman: Darron Anglin, Vice-Chair: Jake Garret, Jerry Barnes, Tanner Henry, Dave Cruce, Edwina Vogan, Chris Jones

**Members Absent:** Kevin Louis, Christian Collins, Harvey Krause

**Guests:** Alex Kendrick, Rodolfo Lopez, Mike Krebs, Robert Jacques, Paul Jepson, Micah Gaudet, Josh Derhammer, Mannie Bowler

**Staff:** Alan Urban

## IV. Call to the Public

No one answered the call to the public.

## V. Consent Agenda

Chair Anglin asked for comments regarding the minutes to be reviewed. No comments were received, and Mr. Garrett moved for approval of December 12, 2018 and February 20, 2019 EPC meeting minutes. Mr. Farar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. New Business

### A. New Members

Mr. Urban reported that several member agencies had experienced some turnover in personnel and have requests for new representatives on the EPC. The requests included Keith Brown at Eloy, Rodolfo Lopez and Nathan Steele for Maricopa, Micah Gaudet and Josh Derhammer at Miami, Robert Jacques and Mary Anne Moreno for the Tri-City Sanitary District as primary and alternate representatives in the order listed. He explained membership on the EPC requires action by the committee to accept the nominees to the committee. Mr. Garrett made a motion to approve the appointees and Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### B. Globe/Miami/Tri-City Sanitary District

Mr. Urban explained that he was presenting the three Amendments together representing the joint efforts of the three entities to cover overlapping customer interests. He reviewed that there had been multiple meetings that the three had participated in to coordinate their service areas. He apologized for the long time it took for him to rework the Miami document to reflect the necessary updates.

Chairman Anglin requested that the Amendments be reviewed individually in the order listed and Mr. Jepson suggested Mr. Urban comment on the Globe document first and he would follow up after that review. Mr. Urban explained that it had been discovered in the regional discussion that there was no 208 document on file for the City of Globe and so this was basically backfilling a legal need under the Federal Clean Water Act for the City. He noted that Ms. Vogan noticed that the document is missing the Self Certification letter and that he did change the population sourcing to the State Demographer's numbers as required by the CAG Regional Plan. Mr. Barnes indicated he could get the letter needed from the Town Attorney. Mr. Barnes commented that it's been a long journey that made a 180 in that we were at each other and then working on each other's behalf, and CAG did a great job. Mr. Jepson said Globe was happy to help and all our commitments made previously still exist. Mr. Krebs added he wanted to thank Mr. Urban and Paul (Jepson) and Jerry (Barnes) and the folks in Miami, but the works just getting started, it is going to take everybody to get this done and to say thank you. Mr. Krebs also thanked Mr. Garrett. Chairman Anglin commented for Mr. Urban to check on page 4 section 2 of the document that it should say c2 not a2.

Mr. Urban went on to review the Miami document and commented on a couple edits needed in the document before public release. He also thanked Tri-City for the assistance from Mike (Krebs) and Andrea (Jaycox) for teaching him how to use an EPA tool to get the demographics of a neighborhood for numbers not available from his normal Census tools. Chairman Anglin asked Mr. Urban for a brief overview of the Miami document. Mr. Urban stated he had found inconsistencies in the Miami documented when he was trying to lean about the region and took on trying to adjust the document because Miami could not afford to have the document redone. Chairman Anglin asked about the new EPS Group map and Mr. Urban showed the EPC a revised version of the map showing the full extent of the Miami boundary and indicated that he would insert the revised map into the document before releasing the document to the public. Mr. Krebs asked about the EMC2 reference in the document and if they were still involved with the Town. Mr. Urban explained that he was careful to leave names of any contributing parties to previous documents in place since he is not an engineer or cartographer to not take credit for others' work. Mr. Gaudet stated they appreciate Alan's (Urban) help and CAG's support in this and were excited with the progress.

With no further questions on the Miami document Chairman Anglin asked Mr. Urban to proceed with the Tri-City Amendment. Mr. Urban stated his only suggested change for the Tri-City document was to include the DMA boundary verbiage in the title on the cover. There was some discussion around wording and placement. Mr. Urban explained the DMA under TRSD is to replace the two prior existing Districts and their DMAs and that this is legally important. He continued that it is already in the text of the document, but it is important enough to put on the cover. Mr. Krebs replied they could do that. Chairman Anglin asked Mr. Urban or Mr. Krebs to give an overview of the TRSD Amendment. Mr. Jacques, the recently new board member, and President of TRSD introduced himself and gave a brief bio. He continued that he finds the project very compelling, and he is dedicated to the project but will defer to Mike (Krebs). Mr. Krebs explained that the project is broken up into three phases and this is just the first. He described the current septic and cess pool situation with County statistics relating there were an estimated 300-400 abandoned homes in the area in 2015. This project is creating a gravity collection system as much as possible and a treatment facility with pumping only where necessary. He explained the existence of the prior districts and the creation of TRSD and how they have been working with Globe and Miami to move forward. He continued that the board is expecting to move forward to the design phase in May of this year. Mr. Jacques explained that they are going out to RFQ for design engineering in April and getting to construction in the fourth quarter 2022, early 2023. Mr. Krebs's again thanked Globe for their work, the Town, Alan (Urban) for all your work, and Jake (Garrett), the EPC, TRSD Board and ADEQ. Chairman Anglin asked for questions. No further comments or questions were posed.

Mr. Urban requested a motion to go to Public Hearing with the suggested edits. Mr. Garrett motioned for all three to go forward with the minor edits be made to include the letter of Self Certification from Globe and the amended map of Miami's DMA and the other minor edits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes commenting that he wanted Jake to make the motion because he was the one that pushed this into a regional solution and I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate it, so thank you Jake. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Other**

Mr. Urban reported on a 604b Grant project that studied the status of septic systems in Gila County. He explained that the money is being rotated through the DPAs around the state. CAG got about 95% of Gila County done, but almost nothing in Pinal County. He continued that it was a much tougher project due to the nature of the records than anticipated. However, it did produce interesting data and we think useful data. The other DPAs also thought so and they are supporting the use of future funding for CAG to continue the same project in Pinal County. Another DPA wants to follow CAG's model and do the same type of project with that funding as well. Mr. Garrett played a big role in helping us find data for that project. CAG was concerned about the unseen hazard to groundwater supplies and the other DPAs think it is important as well and how this data can help us prevent future problems.

Chairman Anglin commented on the development ramping up in Arizona and around the nation, in some areas going crazing. I expect the EPC to be getting more DMAs coming through developing more areas and cleaning up some other areas. Mr. Urban confirmed that activity is happening in the CAG region, several more amendments in the future, one more coming up here in April. Three more in the near future.

Mr. Garrett suggested that Ms. Bowler and Ms. Vogan should get information regarding the CAG Septic Study to pass on to Karthik (Kumarasamy) at ADEQ. Ms. Vogan should send Karthik to talk to Mr. Urban. Ms. Vogan indicated she would do so.

**VII. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

Chairman Anglin noted we had already mentioned the next meeting. Mr. Garrett requested a new roster before the next meeting. Mr. Urban asked for possible agenda items from the membership and noted that the subjects are not limited to wastewater specifically. They can address water, solid waste and other issues that may affect water quality or other pollution issues in the region. Mr. Jacques requested a timetable for the approved plans moving forward. Mr. Urban discussed having them an approximate 50+ day process to come back to the EPC and be in front of the CAG Management Committee and Regional Council in June. He explained it would go to the State Water Quality Working Group for its first state level review and then to ADEQ for its review and then to the EPA. Then closure by late fall if all that goes smoothly. Mr. Jepson asked about the venue for the Public Hearing for the three Amendments just approved. He recommended the Globe Council Chambers because of the IT available if no one is opposed. Mr. Urban accepted the offer and asked about the date of May 17<sup>th</sup>. They agreed to 6pm on May 19<sup>th</sup> and posting the documents in the two Public Libraries, Globe and Miami. Mr. Krebs inquired if there were three hearings. Mr. Urban indicated there would be one Hearing same as presented today.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Mr. Garrett moved for adjournment and Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.