

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 31, 2002
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Roger Klingler, Scottsdale, Chairman	Phoenix: Robert Hollander
Avondale: Esmeralda Avila	Surprise: Rich Williams
Chandler: Dave Siegel	Tempe: David McNeil
Gilbert: Kathy Roll for Lonnie Frost	Maricopa County: John Power
Glendale: Chris Ochs	*Pinnacle West Capital: John Boyer
Goodyear: Joel Wade	*Salt River Project: Ray Hedrick
*Mesa: Bill Haney	U of A Cooperative Extension: Patrick Clay
Peoria: Kevin Kadlec	*Citizen Representative: Eugene Jensen

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carollo Engineers: George Shirley	Arizona-American Water Company: Ron Jackson
City of Glendale: Roger Bailey	Witney Anderson & Morris: Rich Campbell
Maricopa Association of Governments: Brenda Geisen	A-N West: Gerald Copeland

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee was conducted on Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Roger Klingler, Chairman, City of Scottsdale, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the July 8, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the July 8, 2002 meeting. Dave Siegel, City of Chandler, moved and Kevin Kadlec, City of Peoria, seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2002 meeting.

3. Status Report on Use of Regional Videoconferencing System For Future MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee Meetings

Chairman Klingler indicated that agenda item number three was for information and discussion. He introduced Heidi Pahl, MAG staff, to provide a status update on the MAG Regional Videoconferencing System.

Ms. Pahl indicated that the Regional Videoconferencing System is a videoconferencing network of television and computer units located at MAG member agency locations across the region. The project was initiated with MAG Regional Council approval of funding in January 1998 and MAG contracted with Norstan Communications to implement the System in February 2001.

Ms. Pahl indicated that videoconferencing is now available at 30 different sites, including 24 cities and towns, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Maricopa County, and 3 sites at the MAG Office. Employees and elected officials of all MAG member agencies are encouraged to use the System for MAG business and agency business.

Ms. Pahl indicated that many member agencies have successfully used the System for MAG meetings and job interviews. She indicated that the Town of Fountain Hills used the System to interview a candidate who was ultimately hired by their Parks & Recreation Department. Maricopa County used the System for witness testimony. She indicated that MAG has held many videoconferences, some for MAG committee meetings, debriefing sessions, budget reviews, strategic planning meetings, training and public forums.

Ms. Pahl indicated that the most current contact list for site coordinators has been distributed to Committee members, and these site coordinators can assist with scheduling a video conference or training on how to use the System. She indicated that MAG has a webpage which provides helpful information on the System. She indicated that MAG staff appreciates the efforts of the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group in establishment and implementation of this project and the efforts of the site coordinators for promoting videoconference use at their site.

Robert Hollander, City of Phoenix, inquired whether the System could be used for non-MAG business between two individual cities.

Ms. Pahl indicated that the System can be used for non- MAG business between two cities. She indicated that the only time it is necessary to go through MAG for use of the System is when three or more sites will be participating. She indicated that there is no charge for use of the System for MAG related business. She indicated that the only charges a member agency would incur when using videoconferencing are long distance charges accrued from non-MAG business, such as a job interview.

David McNeil, City of Tempe, inquired whether there were limits to the possible number of participants in a videoconferencing session with only two presentation display screens available.

Ms. Pahl indicated that there can be up to 27 participating sites in a multi-point videoconference call. She indicated that the screen can display whoever is talking on the full screen or the screen can be divided into four quadrants, one of which can be a voice activated quadrant.

Chairman Klingler inquired whether there are legal limitations for videoconferencing in regard to requirements for public meetings and quorums.

Ms. Pahl indicated that the Open Meeting Law contains requirements on what should be included in agendas and minutes for a meeting where attendance by audio or video conference is available.

4. Second Public Hearing - Final Draft Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan

Chairman Klingler indicated that agenda item number four was for information and public hearing on the Draft Final Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. Chairman Klingler indicated that written and verbal comments were welcome and a court reporter was present to provide an official record of the hearing. He indicated that Brenda Geisen, MAG staff, would provide a briefing on the comments received since the first public hearing, and George Shirley, Carollo Engineers, consultant on the project, would provide an overview of the Revision.

Ms. Geisen indicated that, in their June 25, 2002 letter, City of Chandler requested that the Draft 208 Plan Revision be changed to show 6.5 million gallons per day (mgd) as the current capacity for the Chandler Airport Water Reclamation Facility. She indicated that this capacity is well within the ultimate capacity identified in the 208 Plan. Chandler also requested that the 208 Plan identify that they currently have nine wastewater lift stations, and that City of Chandler is currently the owner of the Ocotillo Water Reclamation Facility.

Ms. Geisen indicated that, in a recent Committee meeting, the Maricopa Environmental Services Department requested that the capacity for the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Communities wastewater treatment facilities be identified in the Draft 208 Plan. In response, the Draft 208 Plan will be updated to show that the current capacity for Pavilions Wastewater Treatment Plant is 0.12 and that there is currently no plant at the Scottsdale Community College Campus.

Ms. Geisen indicated that these comments would be included in a Second Response to Comments and addressed in the final MAG 208 Plan. She introduced Mr. Shirley to provide a presentation on the Revision.

Mr. Shirley indicated that MAG has been designated as the Designated Water Quality Management Planning Agency for the Maricopa County area. The first MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan was adopted in 1979, and major updates have occurred in approximate ten year cycles. Interim updates have been accomplished through the 208 Amendment Process or Small Plant Review and Approval Process.

Mr. Shirley indicated that the MAG 208 Plan is comprised of two major elements including the Point Source Plan and the Non-Point Source Plan. The Point Source Plan includes the desired wastewater treatment system configuration for each member agency over the twenty year planning horizon. The Non-Point Source Plan includes a description of federal and State non-point source programs, requirements, and regulations.

Mr. Shirley indicated that overall wastewater treatment capacity in the MAG region is expected to increase from the current 400 mgd to 873 mgd over the twenty year planning horizon with construction of over twenty new facilities and expansion of several facilities. He displayed maps showing existing facilities, future planned facilities, and planned expansions of facilities in the urbanized areas and outlying regions.

Mr. Shirley indicated that the project had been initiated in April 2002, and that it is anticipated that the Draft Revision will go before the MAG Regional Council for approval in September 2002.

Mr. Shirley indicated that the letter of no objection from jurisdictions within three miles of the project, currently a Small Plant Review and Approval Process item, has been folded into the 208 Amendment Process of the Plan. He indicated that a requirement for expansions of small plants to go through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process for addition to the MAG 208 Plan, even when the expanded capacity would still be within the 2.0 mgd small plant threshold, has been added to the 208 Plan in response to the Committee concerns regarding small plants.

Chairman Klingler inquired whether any cards had been received indicating that a member of the public wished to provide comment on the Draft 208 Plan Revision.

Ms. Geisen indicated that no cards had been submitted by members of the public.

Chairman Klingler inquired at what point in the process the 208 Plan Revision would no longer be referred to as a draft document.

Ms. Geisen indicated that the Revision would go to MAG Management Committee as a draft document, and then go to MAG Regional Council for possible approval as the final document.

Mr. Kadlec indicated that the City of Peoria had a recent increase in a subcontract allocation, and requested that Mr. Shirley advise on whether Peoria should request an increase in planned capacity during the current 208 Plan Revision or at a later date.

Mr. Shirley indicated that the MAG 208 Plan is a constantly evolving document and indicated that such changes may be better made during the next major revision. He indicated that a second public hearing has already been conducted to accommodate changes requested and continuing to conduct public hearings on the document may not be recommendable at this time. During the interim of major revisions, plants can be added to the MAG 208 Plan through the appropriate process.

Chairman Klingler closed the public hearing and continued with the Committee meeting.

5. Draft Final Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan

Chairman Klingler indicated that agenda item number five was for information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve the Draft Final Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

Mr. Hollander moved and John Power, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department, seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of the Draft Final Revision to the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

6. Call to the Public

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Water Quality Advisory Committee. No comments were received and the meeting was adjourned.