

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2005
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Roger Klingler, Scottsdale, Chair	Phoenix: Robert Hollander
Avondale: Greg Stack	*Surprise: Rich Williams Sr.
Buckeye: Lucky Roberts	Tempe: David McNeil
#Chandler: Robert Goff for Jacqueline Strong	Maricopa County: Dale Bodiya for John Power
*El Mirage: Kimberly Furphy	*Pinnacle West Capital: John Boyer
#Gilbert: Lonnie Frost	*Salt River Project: Ray Hedrick
Glendale: Russell Fletcher for Chris Ochs	U of A Cooperative Extension: Patrick Clay
Goodyear: David Iwanski	*Citizen Representative: Eugene Jensen
#Mesa: Bill Haney	
#Peoria: Steven Bontrager	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
#Attended by telephone conference call.

OTHERS PRESENT

City of Glendale: Sam Patton	Maricopa Association of Governments:
Valley Forward: Theresa Sanders	Julie Hoffman

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee was conducted on Wednesday, August 17, 2005. Robert Hollander, City of Phoenix, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. Robert Goff, City of Chandler, Bill Haney, City of Mesa, Steven Bontrager, City of Peoria, and Lonnie Frost, Town of Gilbert, attended the meeting via telephone conference call.

2. Agenda Announcements

Mr. Hollander provided an opportunity for member agencies to report on activities of interest in their agencies.

3. Call to the Audience

Mr. Hollander provided an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG or items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. No members of the public indicated that they wished to address the Committee.

4. Approval of the July 12, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the July 12, 2005 meeting. Greg Stack, City of Avondale, moved and David McNeil, City of Tempe, seconded, and the motion to approve the July 12, 2005 meeting minutes carried unanimously.

5. Draft MAG 208 Plan Amendment for the City of Glendale West Area Water Reclamation Facility Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharge

Russell Fletcher, City of Glendale, provided an overview of the Draft MAG 208 Plan Amendment for the City of Glendale West Area Water Reclamation Facility Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit Discharge. He indicated that the facility was commissioned to 4.3 million gallons per day (mgd) in 2000 and 10 mgd in 2005. The facility is identified in the current MAG 208 Plan with an ultimate capacity of 15 mgd and reclaimed water being disposed of through reuse and recharge. He added that the West Area Water Reclamation Facility is producing Class A+ reclaimed water.

Mr. Fletcher stated that this amendment identifies an AZPDES permit discharge for the West Area Water Reclamation Facility into the New River. The AZPDES permit discharge would provide operator flexibility and effluent disposal reliability. He added that there would be infrequent use of the discharge. Mr. Fletcher provided a table of the effluent disposal flowrates. He also provided a map of the reclaimed water end uses. Possible end users include ornamental lakes at the Coyotes Hockey Arena and the white water rafting course and aquariums at the Cabela's Store planned for the area.

Mr. Fletcher stated that the West Area Water Reclamation Facility has been expanded to 10 mgd and that the Glendale recharge facility has been permitted to full capacity. He added that the Salt River Project (SRP) is developing a recharge project called the New River-Agua Fria Underground Storage Project (NAUSP). Glendale and SRP are finalizing details to place reclaimed water into the SRP basins. He stated that the AZPDES permit discharge would be used in the event that the Glendale recharge facility, NAUSP, and direct reuse could not accommodate all of the reclaimed water generated at the West Area Water Reclamation Facility.

Dale Bodiya, Maricopa County, commented on the use of reclaimed water for a white water rafting course due to the possibility of full body contact and ingestion. Mr. Fletcher responded that if reclaimed water is used for the course, Glendale will work with Maricopa County to ensure all appropriate measures are taken.

Mr. Bodiya moved to authorize that a public hearing be conducted on the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Glendale West Area Water Reclamation Facility Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Discharge. David Iwanski, City of Goodyear, seconded and it was unanimously passed through a roll call vote by the Committee.

6. Valley Forward Water Brochure

Theresa Sanders, Valley Forward, provided an overview of the Valley Forward Water Brochure. The Valley Forward Water Committee produced the educational brochure titled, “Water Facts for the Valley’s Business Community.” She indicated that the brochure was produced to engage the business community and foster future leaders. Valley Forward printed 5,000 copies of the brochure and distributed it to Valley Forward members, Valley Chambers of Commerce, the Greater Phoenix Economic Development Council and other business leadership organizations. Ms. Sanders added that the brochure promotes strong water ethics and sound water management strategies.

Mr. Hollander thanked the Committee for participating and called for adjournment of the meeting.