



Watershed Planning Subcommittee

Legal Action Report of Monday, May 22, 2017

Jurisdictional Members

Asia Philbin, Town of Marana
Dick Thompson, Tucson Water
Greg Hitt, Pima County RWRD
Jim DuBois, Pima County RWRD
Marie Light, Pima County DEQ, Chair
MJ Dillard, Town of Sahuarita
Scott Bennett, Town of Oro Valley
Stephen Dean, Town of Marana

PAG Staff

David Adler
Melanie Alvarez
Peter Krawczak

Speakers

Mead Mier, PAG
Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources

Participants

Edwina Vogan, ADEQ
Wally Wilson, Metro Water
Evan Canfield, Pima County RFCD
Frank Postillion, Pima County RFCD
Grace Gegenheimer, Tucson Metro Chamber
Eve Halper, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Eric Holler, Citizen
Greg Saxe, Pima County RFCD
Janine Spencer, Town of Marana
Mitch Basefsky, Central Arizona Project
Greg Hartzorn, Citizen
Martin Stiles, ADWR (phone)
Zack Richards, ADWR (phone)

Meeting materials can be found at:

<http://www.pagregion.com/Committees/EnvironmentEPAC/WatershedPlanningSubcommittee/tabid/322/Default.aspx>

1. **Introductions**
2. **PAG In-Kind Form/Sign-In**
3. **Announcements**

MJ Dillard, Public Works Director at Town of Sahuarita, introduced herself as the new Town of Sahuarita representative for the Watershed Planning Subcommittee and the Sahuarita Designated Management Area.

Melanie Alvarez, PAG, provided announcements for PAG's Stormwater Management Working Group and stormwater pollution prevention activities.

Eve Halper, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, provided updates on the Lower Santa Cruz River Basin Study. The first Stakeholder Advisor meeting was held at PAG on April 24. The Basin Study Environmental Sub-Team hosted a tour of riparian areas and farms within the planning area for



Reclamation modeling services staff. Mead Mier, PAG, explained that the Stakeholder Advisor team meets separately from the Watershed Planning Subcommittee (WPS), but WPS will continue to host annual public meetings for the Basin Study. Ms. Mier extended an invitation to join the Stakeholder Advisors team.

Evan Canfield, Pima County Regional Flood Control District (RFCD), announced that the RFCD will begin a three-year CIP planning study for the branch of the Santa Cruz River from Grant Rd. to Trico. This will inform the development of a Santa Cruz River Management Plan. A public engagement process will begin in the fall. A stakeholder process also will take place.

Wally Wilson, Metro Water, announced that the Safe Yield Task Force has approved three recommendations relating to long-term storage credits for effluent and managed recharge projects, and remediation of poor quality groundwater that will be made at the May 23 meeting of the Groundwater Users Advisory Council. A recording and summary of the Groundwater Users Advisory Council meeting is available on the ADWR website.

Jim DuBois, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, announced that ADEQ has provided public notice for a draft permit to turning reclaimed water into a potable water quality product. This will allow Pima County Wastewater Reclamation to go forward with its Water Innovation Challenge project in which they will build a mobile enhanced treatment facility for demonstration of advanced treatment to the public. The mobile facility will produce both bottled water and make-up water for craft brewed beers. The treatment plants supplying reclaimed water for further treatment are RWRD's Agua Nueva WRF, City of Phoenix's 23rd Av WRF, and Rio de Flag WRF in Flagstaff.

Janine Spencer, Town of Marana, announced that the Town of Marana is looking to obtain non-potable water for the El Rio Riparian Restoration Project next to the Santa Cruz River. The project will span 204 acres and will likely include two ponds.

Zack Richards, Arizona Department of Water Resources, provided information about the Governor's Water Augmentation Council and meeting date for the Recycled Water Committee who are recommending that ADEQ end the prohibition on direct potable reuse.

4. Initiating the PAG 208 Plan Update to Streamline the Process

Mead Mier, Sustainability Coordinator at PAG, provided an introduction to the purpose and scope of work for PAG's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) update. The goal is to update, streamline and modernize the PAG 208 Plan. Westland Resources will be a consultant for the update. The update is expected to span fiscal year 2017-18.

Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources, consultant for the update, also was available to answer questions about the scope of work. Q&A topics included the planning horizon covered in the 208 Plan; how stormwater, green infrastructure and recycled water may tie into the Plan; how public and stakeholder opinions will be incorporated; and the roles of ADEQ and EPA in the update process.

5. Future WPS Agenda Items/Call to the Audience

6. Adjournment