



Scope of Work Task Force Town of Marana DMA 208 Amendment

Minutes of November 13, 2008, Meeting

Attendees

Thomas Martinez, Westland Resources
Thomas Miller, Green Valley Community
Coordinating Council
Dorothy O'Brien, Town of Marana
Robert Welch, Stantec
Frank Cassidy, Town of Marana, Attorney
Adam Bliven, EEC
Barbara Johnson, Town of Marana
Tim Ensign, Axis Corporation
Michael Block, Metro Water District
Michael Geddis, WMC/Evergreen
Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources
Dona La Schiava, Citizen
Ries Lindley, Tucson Water
Rebecca Martinez, EEC
Matt Matthewson, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.

Sheila Bowen, Environmental Planning
Advisory Committee
Ben Changkakoti, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Ed Curley, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Chuck Wesselhoft, Pima County Attorney
Eric Wieduwilt, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation
Department
Chris Avery, City of Tucson
J. Peter Armenta, CAAG
Claire Zucker, PAG
Dennis Dickerson, PAG
Dan Sullivan, PAG Consultant
Thomas Benavidez, PAG Attorney

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Claire Zucker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

2. 208 Planning Overview

Claire Zucker provided an overview of the 208 planning process including describing the role of the Designated Planning Agency (DPA) and the Designated Management Agency (DMA). She distributed a flow chart showing the 208 planning process for public facilities, which included a list of the DMA application requirements. PAG is the DPA and, as such, has written and received Regional Council approval for its Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan). It is required that the 208 Plan be amended for all new and significantly changed wastewater treatment facilities or to create a new DMA. PAG provides technical assistance to local entities in the preparation of their amendment and ensures that adequate public participation is conducted as part of the amendment process. Ms. Zucker explained that Pima County and the Town of

Sahuarita are the only currently designated DMAs, but that Marana seeks to become a DMA in their planning area.

3. Task Force Formation

Ms. Zucker reviewed the role of the Scope of Work Task Force for the Marana DMA 208 Amendment. She described the direction provided by PAG's Regional Council for the Task Force and provided an overview of the Task Force's procedures, management, membership, decision making and duration. She emphasized that the role of the Task Force is to provide technical input on the 208 Amendment and to resolve local concerns as much as possible. Recommendations from the Task Force will be provided to PAG staff and its administration for consideration when determining if the amendment is ready to be forwarded to committees and eventually to the PAG Regional Council for approval.

4. Marana DMA 208 Draft Amendment

Barbara Johnson, Marana Utilities Director, introduced the Marana 208 amendment and defined a number of terms including regionalism, sustainability, effluent and effluent management. Frank Cassidy, Town of Marana attorney, discussed the historical background for litigation between the Town and Pima County. He also discussed other Arizona municipalities that have the authority to operate a sewer utility and the Town's need for water resources. Dorothy O'Brien, Marana's Assistant Utilities Director, further described the Town's water resource needs as well as the role of effluent in reaching water resource goals.

Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources, provided an overview of Marana's DMA 208 Amendment. He showed the Task Force maps of the town including one showing the proposed DMA areas in Pima County and Pinal County. In addition, Mr. Caporaso presented an overview of the natural setting of the Town and described factors that contributed to defining the 24 sewer basins in the Town's planning area. He described land use, planning density assumptions, and the 20-year development and population projections. Mr. Caporaso continued by describing alternatives for wastewater provision and stated that, after evaluation, alternative #3 was chosen as the best option for the Town. He ended his presentation with a summary of financial mechanisms, industrial pretreatment and permitting.

5. Initial Comments on the Marana Draft 208 Amendment

Discussion was held about the 208 Amendment. Pima County asked that additional background material be added to the amendment explaining the history of wastewater service in the region and the Town's water resource issues. The Town replied that water issues did not necessarily have a bearing on wastewater provision decisions. However, because water concerns were the basis for the Town's efforts to become a wastewater provider, the group felt that it would make sense to have this information covered in the amendment. Chris Avery added that water issues, such as, who provides potable water

service, reclaimed water service, and who has the rights to various water resources would be appropriate additions to the document. The Town agreed to add this information.

Pima County said that they would like the section on wastewater alternatives expanded to include the financial burden for each alternative, both for Marana citizens and for Pima County citizens. Additional discussions about the exact location of the Town's DMA proposed boundary would need to be held in the future. Also, specifics about the proposed wastewater treatment facilities, discharge locations, plant footprints and treatment options could be a topic of future discussion.

Ms. Zucker told the group that all the documents provided at the meeting would be uploaded to the PAG Web site for public viewing. It was agreed that the Town's PowerPoint presentation would also be added to the Web site.

6. Select Future Meeting Date

The following meeting dates and times were selected for future meetings:

Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 8, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.