



Scope of Work Task Force Town of Marana DMA 208 Amendment

Minutes of November 19, 2008, Meeting

Attendees

Dorothy O'Brien, Town of Marana
Brad DeSpain, Town of Marana
Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources
Chuck Wesselhoft, Pima County Attorney
Thomas Miller, Green Valley Community
Coordinating Council
Barbara Johnson, Town of Marana
Thom Martinez, Westland Resources
Melodee Loyer, Tucson Water
Matt Matthewson, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Tim Ensign, Axis Corporation
Deborah Tosline, Reclamation
Sheila Bowen, Environmental Planning
Advisory Committee
Adam Bliven, EEC
Michael Block, Metro Water District

Eric Holler, Reclamation
Eric Wieduwilt, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Ries Lindley, Tucson Water
Ben Changkakoti, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Michael Gritzuk, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Ed Curley, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Frank Cassidy, Town of Marana, Attorney
Chris Avery, City of Tucson
Claire Zucker, PAG
Dennis Dickerson, PAG
Dan Sullivan, PAG Consultant
J. Peter Armenta, CAAG (by phone)
Andy Gunning, PAG

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Claire Zucker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and introductions were made.

2. Pima County Comments

Ed Curley, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, explained that the County had compiled a list of comments on Marana's draft 208 amendment prior to the Regional Council's decision to convene the Scope of Work Task Force. He distributed the revised comments to the group and explained that the County had revised the original comments so that they included page references.

3. Comments on the Marana Draft 208 Amendment

Barbara Johnson, Public Works Director at the Town of Marana, informed the group that there had been a misconception about the Town's DMA application. She stated that the application was intended to be for the purpose of gaining DMA designation, not for approval of wastewater treatment facilities. She added that the Town plans to pursue

subsequent 208 amendments for its wastewater treatment facilities after it has received its DMA designation. Claire Zucker said that PAG would review the 208 Plan and other relevant documents to determine how to proceed with this type of amendment.

Marana asked to provide a PowerPoint presentation to respond to some of the questions posed at the last Scope of Work Task Force meeting. Ms. Zucker asked that the Town limit the presentation to responding to the questions asked at the previous meeting since the presentation was not listed in the agenda.

Town of Marana staff, its attorney, Frank Cassidy, and their consultant, Thom Martinez from Westland Resources proceeded with the presentation. The Town began by describing the purpose of the amendment, which was followed by slides showing the areas served by existing and future water providers, an overview of the groundwater management act, and a review of the Town's available water resources. Mr. Cassidy discussed effluent ownership and legal rights to effluent in the region. Mr. Martinez outlined the current wastewater infrastructure system and showed the group several detailed drawings of portions of the conveyance system. Finally, service area boundaries and financial information was presented. Mr. Curley stated that twenty year planning presumes the need for facilities. Dorothy O'Brien stated that gaining the DMA designation was the first step and would give the Town justification to spend funds for design of the wastewater plants.

Ms. Zucker began paging through Marana's Draft 208 Amendment and invited the Task Force to provide comments. It was noted that some comments might need to be revisited depending upon the decision about the purpose of the 208 amendment. Several members provided comments on the draft document:

- In the introduction, add a discussion with more background information including historical background, water resource information and the rationale for seeking DMA designation;
- In Fig 2, identify the projected service areas for proposed wastewater treatment facilities;
- Provide a discussion on the general plan and the fact that the planning area extends into Pinal County;
- Discuss groundwater hydrology for this particular planning area in addition to providing information for the broader Active Management Area;
- Add updated groundwater levels and more recent water quality data, which may be available from the ADEQ compliance database;
- Add information about discharge to the Santa Cruz River;
- Discuss water quality in the context of what are the acceptable levels for the constituents mentioned and the fact that effluent currently being discharged is meeting water quality requirements delineated in facility permits;
- Clarify if the population estimates presented in the amendment are for the area within the current Town boundary or if they include the entire general planning area;

- Add habitat and endangered species information and a 100 year floodplain map;
- Discuss septic systems and the Town's protocol for connecting areas served by on-site systems to the sewer system;
- Add a discussion about the Town's concurrent amendment for areas in Pinal County; and
- Table 1 – add acreage for each land use category.

At the end of the discussion, the Town agreed to update the introduction to their 208 Amendment prior to the Dec. 10, 2008, meeting of the Scope of Work Task Force. At that meeting, the Town would be prepared to respond, either in writing or verbally, to Pima County's comments and the Task Force would then continue to page through the amendment and offer input. In the meantime, PAG would research and inform the group about whether the Town could pursue a DMA-only type amendment and whether there were any conditions for that type of amendment.

4. Future Meeting Dates

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

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

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.