



## Scope of Work Task Force Town of Marana DMA 208 Amendment

### Minutes of December 10, 2008, Meeting

#### **Attendees**

Thom Martinez, Westland Resources  
Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources  
Maria Brady, Stantec Consulting  
Dorothy O'Brien, Town of Marana  
Sheila Bowen, Environmental Planning  
Advisory Committee  
Barbara Johnson, Town of Marana  
Frank Cassidy, Town of Marana, Attorney  
Ben Changkakoti, Pima County Regional  
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.  
Eric Wieduwilt, Pima County Regional  
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.  
Melodee Loyer, Tucson Water

Ed Curley, Pima County Regional  
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.  
Ries Lindley, Tucson Water  
Tim Ensign, Axis Corp.  
Chuck Wesselhoft, Pima County Attorney  
Andy Gunning, PAG staff  
Eric Holler, Reclamation  
Chris Avery, City of Tucson  
Michael Block, Metro Water District  
Claire Zucker, PAG staff  
Dennis Dickerson, PAG staff  
Dan Sullivan, PAG Consultant  
J. Peter Armenta, CAAG (by phone)

#### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Claire Zucker called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

#### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

The Scope of Work Task Force was offered an opportunity to comment on the Nov. 13, 2008, and Nov. 19, 2008, minutes. No revisions were offered and the group approved the minutes with no objections.

#### **2. Administrative Designated Management Agency (DMA)**

Claire Zucker, PAG, reviewed the decision by the Town of Marana to pursue a Designated Management Agency (DMA) 208 Amendment, but not to seek 208 consistency for specific treatment works. The Town had indicated its interest in this type of 208 amendment at the Nov. 19, 2008, Scope of Work Task Force meeting. The Town also had indicated that it would pursue subsequent 208 amendments or consistency reports in order to gain 208 consistency for individual facilities. Ms. Zucker stated that PAG had determined that an entity within the PAG planning region may become a DMA without directly owning or operating treatment facilities.

Dennis Dickerson, PAG, discussed the fact that the DMA's function is to effectively manage wastewater to meet the appropriate regulatory requirements. He added that the Scope of Work Task Force is the forum for reaching an understanding about how that management will occur including how wastewater service provision might transfer from Pima County to the Town. Mr. Dickerson added that for an entity to be a DMA, it must be able to assume primary responsibility for wastewater treatment, and as such, it must either manage the wastewater directly or contract with another entity to perform the service with the DMA's oversight and direction. Ms. Zucker added that some of the Town's responses to Pima County's comment on the Marana 208 amendment indicated that issues could not be resolved until the court case between the jurisdictions had been resolved.

The Task Force participated in an extended discussion about the requirement for a prospective DMA to either operate its own treatment facilities or to contract with the service provider before seeking designation as the management agency. During this dialogue, the Town re-stated its desire to continue with the 208 process and to become the DMA. In response to a question, Ms. Zucker said that the court case between the Town and Pima County would have to be resolved before the 208 amendment could be submitted to the Regional Council for approval, but that many of the details could be worked out before that time. She added that this proactive approach would make it relatively easy to update the amendment based on the court's findings in order to move the amendment through the PAG committees in a timely manner. The Task Force expressed interest in continuing to provide technical input on the 208 amendment, but added that it would be more productive if the amendment included specific facilities planned by the Town. The Town agreed to expand the 208 amendment to include specific facilities and said that much of that information was already in the Sewer Basin Study and could be easily incorporated into the amendment.

Mr. Dickerson suggested that the next meeting consist of an interactive dialogue between Task Force members to vision what the DMA would look like when the Town takes over management and at various intervals to allow the Scope of Work Task Force to gain an understanding of how wastewater would transition from County control to Marana responsibility over time. Several Task Force members expressed concurrence with this idea and Tom Martinez, Westland Resources, agreed to provide maps and diagrams to help guide the discussion. After verbal agreement is reached, the Town will incorporate the decisions into its 208 amendment. Pima County suggested that the Task Force work on the document one section at a time and the group concurred with this approach. Sheila Bowen asked that the assumptions be clearly laid out at the next meeting, so that everyone approached the project from the same perspective.

Claire Zucker summarized several points about the new approach:

- a. The Town of Marana's 208 Amendment would be for both authorization of the DMA and for gaining 208 consistency for planned wastewater treatment facilities;
- b. Within the 208 amendment, technical information would be provided at a level of detail consistent with other 208 amendments;
- c. The Task Force would dialogue to reach concurrence on a step by step vision of how wastewater service provision would transition between Pima County and the Town of Marana; and
- d. The Task Force would hold technical discussions and would pose various "what if" scenarios as part of the evaluation process.

Because considerable amount of time was devoted to agenda item 2, and because several of the comments on the amendment were considered to be moot given the discussion held at the meeting, the next two agenda items were skipped.

### **3. Town of Marana Response to Comments**

This item was not addressed during the meeting.

### **4. Comments on the Marana Draft 208 Amendment**

This item was not addressed during the meeting.

### **5. Future Meeting Dates**

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

Thursday, January 8, 2009, 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday, January 29, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.