



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

### **Minutes of March 12, 2009, Meeting**

#### **Attendees**

Dorothy O'Brien, Town of Marana  
Chuck Wesselhoft, Pima County, Attorney  
Melodee Loyer, Tucson Water  
Frank Cassidy, Town of Marana, Attorney  
Reis Lindley, Tucson Water  
Sheila Bowen, Environmental Planning  
Advisory Committee  
Michael Block, Metro Water District  
Chris Avery, Tucson Water  
Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources

Tim Ensign, Axis Corp.  
Matt Matthewson, Pima County Regional  
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.  
Eric Wieduwilt, Pima County Regional  
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.  
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation  
Thom Martinez, Westland Resources  
Ed Curley, Pima County Regional  
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.  
Claire Zucker, PAG staff

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

Claire Zucker called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

The Scope of Work Task Force was offered an opportunity to comment on the Feb. 18 minutes. Mike Block, Metropolitan Water District, moved that the minutes be approved. Sheila Bowen, EPAC representative, seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **3. Marana 208 Amendment Status**

Claire Zucker facilitated a group discussion about the Task List distributed at the Feb. 18 meeting. The Task Force members suggested various revisions to the document. A revised document will be provided to the group prior to the April 2009, meeting. Several of the items listed on the Task List were modified and a few were stricken from the list. Four new items were added to the list as a result of this meeting.

#### **4. Visioning the Transition from Pima County to Marana**

Task Force members continued to discuss the basins that are near the Town of Marana proposed DMA boundary.

Basin 24: The Town of Marana said that basin 24 will likely continue to flow to Ina Road Wastewater Treatment plant. Discussions ensued about whether the DMA boundary would be adjusted to leave basin 24 outside the Marana DMA or whether an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) would be prepared. Ms. Zucker said if they chose to pursue an IGA, it would need to be developed outside the 208 process. Mike Block noted that the Town is not currently providing water to basin 24. He said that part of the water supplied is from Metro Water District results in effluent used as part of its assured water supply. Losing part of the water used to meet its assured water supply would be very concerning to the District. Frank Cassidy said that for the foreseeable future these flows would go into the Ina Road facility.

Basins 9 and 16: Both of these basins contain areas east of Camino de Oeste wastewater interceptor, which flows to the Ina Road WRF. Chris Avery pointed out that basins 9 and 16 are areas where Tucson Water supplies basically all of the water. In addition, it has a substantial commitment to provide reclaimed water to golf courses in that area. One of the predicates for those agreements is the assumption that Tucson Water has effluent supplies from the treatment plant. At some point this issue has to be addressed or the golf courses will get caught in the middle. He added that the simplest solution would be to leave the water routing unchanged in this area. Ms. Zucker pointed out that these issues need to be worked out between the jurisdictions at some point, even if they are not resolved during the course of the 208 planning process.

Basin 22: Currently, wastewater from this area gravity flows to Continental Ranch pump station. However, the County could choose to redirect the water to the Camino de Oeste interceptor and from there to the Ina Road WRF. Frank Cassidy added that continued discussion was needed about whether the DMA boundary would be based on which entity is treating the wastewater versus where the wastewater is produced. Dorothy O'Brien mentioned that the SROG (Sub-Regional Operating Group), which employs an arrangement between Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe to jointly own and operate the 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. treatment plant, offers a good template for how jurisdictions can work together on wastewater.

Arboles Viejos: Current plans include a force main to Silverbell and gravity feed to the Marana WRF.

Ultimately, the peripheral edges of the Town's proposed DMA include areas where long term wastewater treatment options need to be determined by the Town of Marana and Pima County. Such agreements could become formalized in Intergovernmental Agreements, which would be outside the 208 process.

## **5. Future Meeting Dates**

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

April 9, 2009, 9:30 a.m.  
April 24, 2009, 1:30 p.m.

May 20, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.