



Scope of Work Task Force Town of Marana DMA 208 Amendment

Minutes of April 9, 2009, Meeting

Attendees

Dorothy O'Brien, Town of Marana
Thom Martinez, Westland Resources
Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources
Chuck Wesselhoft, Pima County, Attorney
Eric Wieduwilt, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Melodee Loyer, Tucson Water
Sheila Bowen, Environmental Planning
Advisory Committee
Michael Block, Metro Water District
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation

Ed Curley, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Tim Ensign, Axis Corp.
Ben Changkakoti, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Reis Lindley, Tucson Water
Maria Brady, Stantec Consulting
Frank Cassidy, Town of Marana, Attorney
Matt Matthewson, Pima County Regional
Wastewater Reclamation Dept.
Claire Zucker, PAG staff

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Claire Zucker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and introductions were made.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Scope of Work Task Force was offered an opportunity to comment on the March 12 minutes. Mike Block, Metropolitan Water District, asked that his comments from the meeting be added to the minutes. Ms. Zucker suggested that she listen to the recording and add the comments, and that approval of the minutes be postponed until the April 24 meeting. The Task Force agreed to postpone approval of the minutes.

3. Marana 208 Amendment Status

Claire Zucker asked for comments on the most recent Task List. Changes were suggested for Task number 31.

4. Revised 208 Amendment Text and Figures

The Task Force discussed the April, 2009, revised 208 amendment, which had been distributed to the group earlier in the week. Ms. Zucker noted that Westland and the Town had done a great job adding information and revising the text and maps. The

Task Force agreed to page through the amendment and provide comments to the Town and its consultant.

Mike Block suggested that text be added to indicate that the Town would own effluent generated from the Marana water utility and non-designated providers. Frank Cassidy did not agree with making the language change, but said that the Town had recently adopted a resolution indicating that the Town would respect the rights of the water providers serving water to the Town. He added that Arizona law gives ownership to the utility, but agreed to add text that describes the Town's intent to respect existing agreements held by the water utilities. He agreed to distribute the resolution to the Task Force. This topic was discussed again regarding the statement on page four, referring to the Town's legal ownership to 100 percent of the effluent. Melodee Loyer said that since Tucson Water supplies potable water and relies on effluent produced in that area as one supply for its reclaimed system, she felt that this statement needed to be changed. The Town agreed to insert the language referenced above.

Ms. Zucker mentioned that context should be provided to the discussion of rising groundwater in the Executive Summary and that the type of recharge occurring should be more clearly defined in the document to include CAP and effluent recharge. A comment was also received to make sure that the document referred to the Town planning area, not service area, throughout. The group discussed how the assured water supply is currently discussed in context of the utility's service area, whereas effluent ownership is discussed for the entire planning area. Mr. Martinez said that if the Town were to serve everyone in the planning area, it would need a new designation of assured water supply, but added that the topic is outside the scope of this 208 document. Ms. Zucker suggested that a summary be included in the document and Mr. Block said that it would be sufficient to list the other designated water providers and where they serve water. Ms. Loyer said that it would be a big concern to Tucson Water, if changes in wastewater treatment provision impacted the City's assured water supply.

Mr. Wieduwilt suggested that a block holder be included in those areas where the litigation is discussed. The group agreed that this would be a good way to handle discussions about the litigation within the amendment. The details about the litigation could be added at a later date.

The group discussed the groundwater and surface water sections beginning on page 12 of the revised amendment. Ms. Loyer suggested rewriting the groundwater section so that statements about the overall groundwater quality are followed by any necessary qualifications. Pima County provided a write up that could be incorporated into the documents in the future. Mike Caporaso said that it would be fine to incorporate it into the document as long as Pima County was cited for the information.

Mr. Block noted that a flood plain map was still needed for the document and a discussion ensued about the whether detail location maps showing proposed facilities were needed in the document. Ms. O'Brien stated that the Town was reluctant to show detail site maps for potential facilities because that might lead to property value inflation. Mr. Martinez suggested that the document could depict general locations

along with revised FEMA maps and that the document could also contain statements about the flood precautions that would be taken at the sites. Mr. Block also suggested that since emergency discharges might occur, it would be good to discuss the designated uses for the reaches in which discharges might occur. Ms. Loyer added that the Ak Chin Tribe's water quality concerns and possible impacts to the Town should be discussed in the amendment.

Ms. Zucker led a brief discussion about seasonal trends in population and stated that it was one of the elements listed on the PAG 208 check list. Ms. Bowen mentioned that it could be quite difficult to develop numbers on seasonal population trends. Ms. Zucker agreed and added that the discussion could be very general in the document. Ms. Zucker also asked that there be some general geographic information about where septic systems are primarily located. Mr. Martinez agreed to include this information.

The group discussed the population projections presented in the amendment and suggested that clarification be provided about why DES populations were not used and to what extent the population numbers presented in the amendment reflect the downturn in the economy. Matt Matthewson mentioned that environmental regulations may change under the new federal administration and that these changes could shape future growth.

The Task Force did not have any comments on Figures 3 or 4. Mr. Martinez asked that Pima County verify the sizing of the force mains shown on Figure 5. The group had asked earlier in the meeting, that some of the existing conditions description be inserted into the introduction or Executive Summary part of the document. A discussion was held about the order of the existing conveyance and the existing facilities section, but the group decided that either way would be acceptable.

Mr. Block asked that a discussion of basins 11, 12 and 18 be added for completeness. Mr. Curley suggested that a chart be added to list all the basins, in order, and where they flow. Ms. Loyer pointed out that the on page 28, the permitted treatment level should reflect the current regulatory requirement, which was not for A+ quality water. Ed Curley said that it should be listed as permitted for B+ for the Biological Nutrient Removal Activated Sludge process. Ms. Zucker asked that the word "future" be added to the Barnet channel label and on the legend on Figure 6. Mr. Curley asked that the word Tucson be added to the Tucson Mountain Ridge Line. The group really liked Figure 6 and asked that it be moved up in the document. Mr. Martinez agreed to move it up near the front of the document.

Mr. Martinez agreed to collaborate with Ms. Zucker to compile a list of changes to the document. The Task Force decided to adjourn, but to continue paging through the amendment at the April 24 meeting.

5. Visioning the Transition from Pima County to Marana

Because significant amounts of time were used for Agenda item 4, the Task Force did not continue to discuss the vision of the transitioning wastewater provision from Pima County to the Town of Marana.

6. Future Meeting Dates

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

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

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

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.