

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

### Minutes of Aug. 5, 2009, Meeting

#### **Attendees**

Chris Avery, City of Tucson  
Paul Baughman, Town of Marana  
Michael Block, Metro Water District  
Maria Brady, Stantec  
Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources  
Frank Cassidy, Town of Marana  
Ben Changkakoti, PC RWRD  
Ed Curley, PC RWRD  
Melodee Loyer, Tucson Water  
Thom Martinez, Westland Resources  
Matt Matthewson, PC RWRD  
Dorothy O'Brien, Town of Marana  
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation  
Chuck Wesselhoft, PC Deputy Attorney  
Eric Wieduwilt, PC RWRD

#### **Staff**

Gary Hayes  
Steve Matthews  
Joan Reedy  
Claire Zucker

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

Claire Zucker called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. and introductions were made.

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

Several changes to the June 8, 2009 minutes were suggested by Mike Caporaso. **A motion was made by Ed Curley to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009 as amended, seconded by Chris Avery. The motion was approved by the Task Force.**

**A motion was made by Mike Block to approve the minutes of July 6, 2009, seconded by Ben Changkakoti. The motion was approved unanimously.**

#### **3. Future Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

#### **4. Draft 208 Amendment Review**

The Task Force paged through Town of Marana's draft 208 amendment, which will allow the Town to become a DMA and to provide sanitary sewage collection and wastewater treatment service within its planning area. Comments from the Task Force were provided to the Town and their consultant. Melodee Loyer, Tucson Water, had prepared written comments which were distributed to the group. Claire Zucker, PAG, said that she had

prepared written comments but that they were still being reviewed. She said that she would provide them to the Town at a later date. All Task Force members were encouraged to submit written comments.

Comments on the Town's amendment were provided in an effort to help the Town achieve as much clarity as possible in the document. Task Force members suggested that the document focus on clear concepts, showing what is desired, so it can go forward more easily after the litigation between the Town and Pima County is resolved.

The following list includes the main suggestions and topics discussed at the meeting:

- Addition to the Executive Summary describing wastewater background information and clarifying that the focus of the amendment is wastewater planning, not water resources planning;
- Clarification about ownership of effluent by entities other than the Town and about the Town's perspective on prior agreements for effluent ownership;
- Addition of text denoting that becoming the DMA facilitates the Town's Development Services Department as well as other departments;
- Addition of a map showing area water service providers;
- Inclusion of solids handling description and which utility will be financially responsible for treatment and disposal;
- Addition of page numbers on the maps for reference;
- Removal of the reference to sulfates in groundwater as related to mining because such mining is not occurring in the Town's planning area;
- Addition of text to explain protection of the Cottonwood WRF from flooding in the 100-year flood plain;
- Incorporate new text to be provided by Pima County regarding its treatment system;
- Explanation about the Town's intent to meet any discharge standards resulting from the Ak-Chin Tribe's water quality concerns;
- Acknowledgement that consistency reports will be pursued to gain 208 consistency for the specific water reclamation facilities described in the amendment;
- Clarification that wastewater service will be provided by Pima County until the Town's facilities are operational and that interim service agreements with the County will proceed upon approval of the 208 amendment;
- Inclusion of a discussion about conveyance system ownership and a caveat saying that given the outcome of litigation, the amendment will be modified.;
- Addition of the Town's plan to utilize new facilities rather than utilizing the existing Marana facility and the fact that the outcome of the litigation may affect these decisions;
- Clarification of how bonding and sewer fees will be applied to existing customers versus new customers (allocated to growth);
- Addition of salient points from the June 6 financial discussion;
- ***Additional demonstration of financial feasibility, in particular improved descriptions about how solids handling, reuse/reclaimed facilities, pretreatment, and recharge facilities will be paid for; and,***

- Addition of description about the likely wastewater service agreements, both interim and long term, such as in the boundary areas. Pima County felt that these agreements were critical to approving the DMA change.

## **5. Future Meeting Agenda Items**

The Scope of Work Task Force members agreed that the Town of Marana should make an informational presentation on the Marana DMA 208 Amendment to the Watershed Planning Subcommittee and the Environmental Planning Advisory Committee. The next WPS meeting is Aug. 31 at 1:30 p.m. and EPAC is scheduled for Sept. 4 at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Zucker will ensure that this item is added to the committee agendas. Additional presentations will need to be made when the amendment is brought forward to those committees for approval at a later date.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.