



Scope of Work Task Force Town of Marana DMA 208 Amendment

Minutes of September 10, 2009, Meeting

Attendees

Paul Baughman, Town of Marana
Michael Block, Metro Water District
Sheila Bowen, AZSCE
Mike Caporaso, Westland Resources
Ed Curley, PC RWRD
Barbara Johnson, Town of Marana
Ries Lindley, Tucson Water
Melodee Loyer, Tucson Water
Thom Martinez, Westland Resources
Deborah Tosline, Bureau of Reclamation
Chuck Wesselhoft, PC Deputy Attorney
Eric Wieduwilt, PC RWRD

Staff

Steve Matthews
Joan Reedy
Claire Zucker

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Claire Zucker called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Prior to the meeting Ms. Zucker had revised the minutes in response to a comment from a Task Force member.

Mr. Martinez stated for the record, that while each of the items listed in the minutes were discussed the Town may choose not to address some of those issues.

A motion was made by Barbara Johnson to approve the minutes of Aug. 5, 2009, seconded by Ed Curley. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Draft 208 Amendment Review

Ms. Johnson commented that the Town has spent a lot of time working on the financial report, which will be distributed electronically as soon as it's available. The report has the information specifically asked for by the committee. Ms. Johnson would like to meet with the Task Force after the Town and Pima County go to court, in November. In response to a question, Mr. Wesselhoft said It is an evidentiary hearing regarding which pipes are flow through and which are non flow through. Ms. Johnson said that the financial report will be done in the next month or so. Ms. Zucker suggested that financial information be included in the revised amendment.

The Task Force continued to review the amendment beginning on page 45. The following topics were addressed during the discussion.

- Addition of a discussion indicating the Town's plans to file consistency reports with PAG for individual facilities, once the facilities are fully planned;
- Clarification that references to plans for reclaimed water use are for reclaimed water owned by the Town not by other entities;
- Addition of a discussion about the planned intergovernmental agreements with regard to reclaimed water;
- Expand the impacts section to include the potential impact of using, or not using, the existing Marana facility, and the Town's perspective on application of reclaimed water in Pinal County given that the wastewater was generated from customers in Pima County;
- Inclusion of key components of the financial report in the amendment, such as which components of the wastewater treatment system will be paid by the wastewater utility, how much will be bonded, what existing customers will pay versus future customers, how is the plan paid for and what is the sequence of financing that will ensure money is available with the new connection and users; and
- Clarification of whether outside contracts to operate the treatment facilities would be interim or permanent.

Ms. Zucker said that PAG would develop a Public Involvement Summary which would include all the minutes from the Scope of Work Task Force, Watershed Planning Subcommittee, and EPAC meetings. She added that comments submitted after EPAC has approved the amendment will be included in the summary. The Town has requested that the presentation to committees occur before the litigation is resolved and the IGA's are developed, however, it's important for the public to be able to review the final document. After the public hearing, PAG staff and the Town will respond to comments and all of this information will be provided to Management Committee and Regional Council prior to their review.

4. Future Meeting Agenda Items

None heard.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.