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YAVAPAI COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YCWAC)
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 28, 2005

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- <http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/meeting/WAC/2005/Attachments/Attachments.htm>

The Water Advisory Committee (WAC) met on September 28, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 1020 W. Palomino Road, Chino Valley, Arizona.

Members present: Co-Chair Bob Roecker, City of Prescott; Co-Chair Jane Moore, Town of Jerome; Doug Von Gausig, Town of Clarkdale; Andy Groseta, District 3, Cottonwood; Jim Williams, District 2, Dewey; Dick Ellis, City of Sedona; Virginia Reid, Town of Chino Valley; Diane Joens, City of Cottonwood; Art Coates, District 1, Paulden; Billy Garner, Yavapai-Apache Nation; Mike Flannery, Town of Prescott Valley; *(Note: Also invited to sit at the table was the Mayor of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, Thomas Hintze, Sr. The newly incorporated Town has not yet joined the WAC, but is considering doing so.)*

Alternates: Bryan Detwiler, District 3, Cottonwood; Carol Johnson, City of Prescott; Mary Hoadley, District 2; Tony Gioia, Town of Camp Verde; Doree Christensen, Town of Jerome; Harold Wise, Town of Prescott Valley

Members absent: Tom Whitmer, ADWR, Phoenix; Bob Kovacovich, Town of Camp Verde; Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe; Charles Bonnaha, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Camp Verde; Alternates: Jerry Wiley, Town of Clarkdale; John Bradshaw, City of Sedona; Alan Tripp, District 1, Paulden

NOTE: ***This meeting was tape recorded and the tapes are available in the Board of Supervisor's Office in Cottonwood, Arizona and may be reviewed upon request.***

ITEM NO. 1 Introductions [Co-Chair Bob Roecker]

- Co-Chair Roecker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending. Self introductions followed.

ITEM NO. 2 Approve August 24, 2005 meeting minutes. [Committee]

- The August 24th minutes were distributed late. Consensus reached to approve the August 24th and the September 28th meeting minutes at the October 19, 2005 meeting. This will allow the members more time to review.

ITEM NO. 3 Informational reports [Co-Chairs and Committee]

- Diane Joens announced that the Verde Watershed Association in collaboration with the U of A Cooperative Extension, will host 2 mini seminars about Arsenic in Private Well Owners' Water. One will be held in Prescott on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mackin Building, 840 Rodeo Dr.; one in Camp Verde on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, 7-9 p.m. at the Camp Verde School Multi-Complex Auditorium, 280 Ft. Lincoln Rd. For more information contact Loyd Barnett at 928-284-0161 or Russ Radden at 928-445-6590 ext 227.
- Doug Von Gausig reported that the Town of Clarkdale and City of Cottonwood are still pursuing the purchase of Cottonwood Waterworks and anticipate a sale about mid November. There shouldn't be any other stumbling blocks and we will own our own water company stated Von Gausig.
- Art Coates commented that he read an article in the Courier that 50 or so wells tested for very high Arsenic levels in Chino Valley. He said it seemed to be localized.

ITEM NO. 4 TAC Report [TAC – John Munderloh]

- Would like to add to an Item on next month's agenda to discuss the Town of Dewey-Humboldt becoming members of the WAC and funding options.
- Consensus reached to put this issue as an Item on the October 19th agenda for discussion and possible action. This will be the first new WAC member added since the committee started.

ITEM NO. 5 Presentation – Town of Chino Valley Water Resource Management Plan [Chris Bartels, Utility Manager, Town of Chino Valley]

- Postponed. Will reschedule. (Item has been placed on the October 19th meeting agenda.)

ITEM NO. 6 Presentation – HB 2277 – Implications for Rural Arizona [Rodney Held, ADWR]

- **Please click on the link at the top of these minutes to review the power point presentation.** Mr. Rodney Held introduced himself commenting that he just recently inherited the Drought Preparedness Programs and that he would do his best to get through this. The Drought Preparedness Plan is a Statewide Implementation created by the Governor's Task Force in 2003. The Task Force was created to address the severe drought issues and conservation measures. Legislation was created to

address the recommendations that came out of the Drought Preparedness Task Force, HB 2277. Held will also address monitoring since it is a big part of the Program. (Please refer to presentation.)

- A question and answer period followed the presentation. John Munderloh asked about what help smaller communities would receive from ADWR. Forms for monitoring will be developed to help smaller communities submit their plans. Andy Groseta asked what the budget was to implement. Held said that there is no budget at this time and they are trying to restructure and hire more staff. They are moving forward with implementation even though there is no means to enforce said Held. Diane Joens asked if there was a promise to set a budget for this Program. Held explained some of the steps being taken to develop a budget and hire additional staff to move forward. Munderloh asked when annual reports start. Held said for smaller communities it would be 2007 and for larger communities 2008. AMA's already submit reports and are exempt from this reporting. Bob Roecker asked the other WAC members how they felt about the lack of enforcement. Most seem to feel that without enforcement the Program is fairly meaningless and the WAC should communicate this to the Governor. Diane Joens commented that it was a baby step in the right direction. Doug Von Gausig said there is an upcoming Mayor's meeting with the Governor and maybe we could bring this issue up at that forum. Dick Ellis wonders whether we should leave at the Mayor's level or direct the TAC to draft a letter on this issue and go on record how the WAC feels. Art Coates said correspondence needs to go through the BOS for approval before sending to the Governor. Jim Williams comment was to let it die a slow death. Andy Groseta said it is information gathering only with no enforcement – there is no end gain. Groseta said there is a reason there is no enforcement – politics. He said he thinks there is good intent, but doesn't really mean anything. Carol Johnson said that Rodney may not have gone far enough in explaining the Program. She said it should be compared with the Emergency Response Plans and operates on trigger points and creates plans for the various communities. Co-Chair Roecker said maybe the WAC should let this flush out a little before doing anything – see what happens at the Mayor's meeting with the Governor. Dick Ellis said that there are a lot of unincorporated areas in the County making this a County issue. The County is not a water provider and Ellis thinks the WAC needs to make a statement now. Doug Von Gausig said that they would do what they could during conversation at the Mayor's meeting with the Governor, reminding everyone that Yavapai County is fairly rural compared to others attending this meeting. Von Gausig said they would do what they could. Art Coates thinks the BOS needs to take a position.
- Consensus reached for the WAC to request the TAC to write a draft letter stating that “we need teeth” in this Program. Without enforcement it is really meaningless. The draft letter will be reviewed by the WAC and forwarded to the BOS for approval prior to sending to the Governor.

ITEM NO. 7 Update on hiring for Coordinator position [Co-Chairs Moore and Roecker]

- Co-Chair Roecker introduced John Rasmussen, the new WAC Coordinator. Rasmussen will start his new position on October 17, 2005 and looks forward to working with the WAC and citizens of Yavapai County. John stated that he wants to support the Committee in an objective and fair manner and will make himself available to all communities and the BOS. John Munderloh thanked John for coming on board to relieve him of WAC duties.

ITEM NO. 8 Discussion and possible action – Approval of the FY 2005/06 Scope of Work and contract with the USGS [TAC]

- [Please click on the link at the top of the minutes to review this Item No. 8.](#) This will give you the Scope of Work along with costs associated with the USGS contract.
- John Munderloh said that the BOS will be asked to approve and sign the contract for one year with the USGS if the WAC approves the proposed Scope of Work.
- Consensus reached to approve the Scope of Work and move it forward for the BOS approval.

ITEM NO. 9 Discussion and possible action – Topics for consideration by Arizona Legislature Study Committee on Water [TAC]

- [Please click on the link at the top of the minutes to review this Item No. 9.](#) This gives you the letter and lists the topics to be considered.
- John Munderloh reported that the TAC drafted a letter to the Rural Water Legislative Study Committee as directed by the WAC. The letter lists topics that this commission should examine. Board approval will be required if the WAC desires to send a letter to the Study Committee.

The WAC reviewed each bullet point in the letter with conversation from the WAC on each bullet point.

- 1st bullet – some language changes suggested by Andy Groseta. Groseta said that the way it is worded he couldn't support due to impacts on private property owners. Groseta wants to go on record saying he doesn't agree with language but will go with if language changes are made. Consensus reached with language changes.
- 2nd bullet – language change to add the word “compensation” suggested by Andy Groseta. Consensus reached with the language change adding the word “compensation”.
- 3rd bullet – Consensus reached on this item as written.
- 4th bullet – Consensus reached to remove this bullet for the time being. Several members suggested removing until they can discuss further.

- 5th bullet – Consensus reached on Item as written.
- 6th bullet – Consensus reached to remove this item and revisit at a later date.
- 7th bullet – Due to meeting time constraints, Consensus was reached to review the recommendations from the 85th Arizona Town Hall (includes 7 points for consideration) at the October meeting. Munderloh wanted to let the members know that there isn't any urgency to this letter. TAC will make suggested changes and the WAC could pick up its review at the October meeting.
- Consensus reached for TAC to make suggested changes and the WAC will continue reviewing at the October meeting.

ITEM NO. 10 Discussion and possible action – Verde Basin Partnership Workgroup [TAC]

- The WAC asked the TAC to develop a suggestion for a Workgroup to aid in the establishment of the Verde River Basin Partnership, should the Northern Arizona Land Exchange bill be passed by Congress. The TAC suggests that a Workgroup consisting of 3 WAC and 3 TAC members be formed. The goal of the Workgroup should be to simply identify the potential stakeholders in the Partnership and a contact list for those stakeholders. Until Congress passes the bill, no further action by the Workgroup is suggested. If the bill passes, the WAC would be able to quickly convene a meeting based on the stakeholder list and move forward with establishment of the Partnership at that time. TAC members Bob Hardy, Loyd Barnett and Jim Holt have volunteered to participate on the Workgroup. Three members from the WAC need to volunteer – Art Coates, Andy Groseta, and Doug Von Gausig volunteered from the WAC. Carol Johnson commented that to come up with a list of stakeholders, you normally need to know your goals and objectives – maybe the cart before the horse.
- Consensus reached to follow TAC's recommendation using draft legislation as a guide to determine stakeholders.

ITEM NO. 11 Adjournment; set date, time, location and agenda items for the next meeting [Committee]

- Possible agenda items for the next meeting: Dewey-Humboldt membership and funding; Approve minutes for both August and September; Letter from the TAC regarding HB 2277; Town of Chino Valley Water Resource Management Plan; Topics for consideration by Arizona Legislature Study Committee on Water
- Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
- Next meeting scheduled for October 19, 2005 at the Clarkdale Memorial Clubhouse, Clarkdale, AZ.
- Agenda items for the October 19, 2005 meeting:
 1. Introductions
 2. Approve the August 24 and September 28, 2005 meeting minutes
 3. Informational reports
 4. TAC Report
 5. Presentation – Town of Chino Valley Water Resource Management Plan
 6. Discussion and possible action – HB 2277 on Community Water Systems
 7. Discussion and possible action – Addition of Dewey-Humboldt as members to the WAC and appropriate cost-share arrangement
 8. Discussion and possible action – Topics for consideration by Arizona Legislature Study Committee on Water
 9. Set date, time, location and agenda items for the next meeting.

(The third Wednesday in November is the 16th; the currently scheduled meeting location is at the Clarkdale Memorial Men's Clubhouse in Clarkdale, AZ.)

Reviewed by: Co-Chairs Jane Moore and Bob Roecker

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Moran, Board of Supervisors, District 3

Recording Secretary for the Water Advisory Committee