

## **WAC 11-16-05**

### **Item 4: Coordinators Report and TAC Report**

#### **Budget/Business:**

Account balance: \$ 128,545.96

YTD Deductions: \$18,040.61 (USGS (\$16,250), Office Supplies/Coordinator Salary (remainder)).

YTD revenue: Investments (\$1,096.87). (Fiscal Year Starts July 1)

New Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for continuation of modeling effort is signed by BOS.

Website has had a few updates (Dewey Humboldt added, TAC changed, but need some more attention to complete. Some formalities necessary for getting new names on site (i.e. BOS approval). Coordinator will follow up with appropriate people and/or Committee on other changes that may be desirable (e.g. "work groups").

#### **TAC Report:**

##### **USGS Report:**

In process of final read through.

November 18, 2005 will go to Gov't Printing Office.

December 31, 2005 will have copies back from printer for distribution.

January 2006 on website.

Kyle Blasch will be at December 1, 2005 TAC meeting. Plan is to discuss report and strategies for presenting to WAC. -- Possibility of "white paper" for WAC describing what report is (conceptual model, interim product), the next steps, and modeling scenarios development.

##### **Dewey-Humboldt Plans to monitor wells:**

How can WAC "endorse" results? ("endorse" is coordinators word choice).

In order to get stakeholder and scientific "buy off" on any number(s) that result from the monitoring effort, TAC recommends thoughtful consideration of "study design".

"Validity" of results, statistical significance, transparency of process, getting started, funding, who will participate (offered county-wide needed for county involvement(?)).

First TAC will provide some recommendations to Dewey-Humboldt for well owner survey (e.g. try to get well logs, etc).

##### **AZ Rural Water Legislative Study Committee:**

TAC agrees that while there is uncertainty in any results we can expect, we should view this Legislative Committee as an opportunity.

The TAC recommends making a presentation to the Legislative committee. This will clearly present the problems and, importantly, our recommendations for solutions upon which the Legislative Committee can take action.

So, we need to answer the what (prioritize/focus), who (TAC member(s) - join with Coconino somehow?), when (ASAP! January probably realistically is soonest), and how's (Power Point plus short take home? – help them achieve goals).

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*The Letter:* The letter should have request-to-present inserted and be placed on next BOS agenda and sent. Follow up is necessary with the Board regarding the presentation and its conclusions and recommendations. But there is no compelling reason to not send letter now. (Latest version of letter is attached – changes are in Paragraph two). Apparently, the Legislative Committee has received many letters and is looking for presenters, so TAC recommends that the WAC recognize that the presentation is the most important action on this matter.

#### Coordinator Priorities

A large list boiled down to six items. Not “set in stone” but helps focus the coordinator.

1. Assess “state of knowledge”: Assemble list/bibliography/folders/cd (?) of the studies/reports relevant to county water. A potentially large task (fairly well defined parts/issues?).

Intent is to provide assessment of what is and is not quantified. Realize this is not an attempt by coordinator to *understand* everything about the basin.

Partly, this effort will provide idea of who does understand which specific items (e.g. there are experts out there who will be essential to our information base (such as water rights experts, water quality experts, hydrology experts, well drillers, etc). However, must understand biases of these experts (potential, perceived or real).

This item is crucial for the WAC priorities and objectively evaluating each others arguments. Ultimately, the advice that is given to the BOS must be justified

2. Re-assess priorities and purpose of WAC. Mainly to get coordinator up to speed, but also to be certain WAC has agreement on what we are doing and how the WAC’s resources are best used. Perhaps re-do survey of what people think is important (albeit it is somewhat obvious based on past agenda items). Coordinator is proceeding with this informally through meetings with WAC members and members of the public, etc. This will most likely lead to a more formal confirmation of coordinators informal conclusions.
3. Assemble and explain water management plans of communities in a report for BOS.
4. Continue/follow up on Big Chino Historic Use Study.
5. Do a last minute windshield crop survey.
6. Keep up with core coordinator tasks (meeting people, meeting preparation, budget, etc.) and help TAC with AZ Legislative Committee planning; USGS report related items, etc.

**Item 6 and 7: (see above)**