

WAC 04-19-2006 Summary of Agenda Items

Agenda Item 4: Coordinators Report and TAC Report

Budget: From "03/06 Financial Report": Account balance: \$322,025.15; YTD Deductions: \$52,707.99; YTD Additions: \$229,243.44 (Fiscal Year Starts July 1).

Other Coordinator/TAC items:

TAC Meeting:

1. **Arizona NEMO Program (ADEQ, Arizona Cooperative Extension, U of A):** Kristine Uhlman gave brief summary of the program and available resources such as GIS maps and hydro-modeling. Website: <http://www.srn.arizona.edu/nemo/index.php>
2. **USGS Regional Modeling Meeting (Northern Arizona Regional Ground-Water Flow Model):** Bill Meyer gave summary of March 31, 2006 meeting of peer review panel. Discussed objectives and planning, including data, model structure (boundaries, layering, etc), Inflows (Precipitation, recharge, etc), Outflows (ET, Pumping, Groundwater, etc).
3. **USGS Verde Reports:** TAC discussed White Paper for WAC regarding Blasch *et al* report. Two weeks after receiving the report, TAC members will have white paper comments to Coordinator for inclusion into White Paper. Anticipate White Paper will be together in one month.

TAC agreed that the three recent reports provide a great deal of information. There is enough information to do some things in the realm of regional water management strategies. While the model will be valuable, the WAC need not wait until the model is complete to address strategies and implications of strategies for the watershed.

Need to complete task of combining reports from communities into a report for the Board from the WAC. TAC anticipates this will lead to discussion and action on a regional plan.

4. **Title II: TAC tasks from previous WAC meeting.** "What have we done, and what don't we have, and need to fulfill technical requirements of Title II". TAC is focusing on two things at first: (1) section 204 b, water budget analysis (needs and existing information); and (2) section 204 a 2B, ongoing and completed studies (bibliography). (1) is being lead by work group consisting of Bill Meyer, Bob Hardy, Loyd Barnett and Ed Wolfe. (2) is being led by John Rasmussen, Leslie Graser and Dan Campbell. All products will be vetted by other TAC members and interested parties.
5. **Presentation by Laurie Wirt (USGS):** Scheduled for next WAC meeting in Chino Valley (May 17th – normal meeting date). (Verde River Headwaters report (OFR 2004-1411)). TAC will review her presentation with her prior to meeting in order to hear her reasoning and make presentation to WAC more effective regarding "burning issues".

Other Coordinator Items:

6. **Current State Water Legislation (2006):** Status and Full text of the bills is available at the State website (<http://www.azleg.gov/default.asp>).
7. **HB 2277 System Water Plans:** A Workshop led by Susan Craig, Marjie Risk and Evelyn Erlandsen of ADWR occurred Monday March 20, 2006 at the Cottonwood Board Room. Eleven people attended. Received handouts on "Reader Friendly Version of House Bill 2277"; "System Water Plan Guidance Document 3/17/06 Draft"; and a copy of the presentation they gave. For more info contact Coordinator or see their website: http://www.azwater.gov/dwr/Content/Find_by_Program/Drought_and_Conservation/default.htm.

A press release has been sent out and everybody on my mailing lists has been asked to notify potentially interested parties. It was not possible to send letters to the 200+ entries (some redundant) on the ADWR spreadsheet of providers in Yavapai County. So, please notify any providers you can if you think they may be interested.

Agenda Item 5:

USGS Report - Presentation : ADWR Colorado River Management Overview and Transfer Policy within State of Arizona (Perri Benemelis ADWR, Colorado River Management Section Manager). See following website for more information and transfer policy document: http://www.azwater.gov/dwr/Content/Find_by_Program/Colorado_River_Management/default.htm

Agenda Item 6:

Verde Basin Partnership (s. 161 Title II): Bob Roecker and Committee will lead discussion. See handout ("Representation and the Verde River Basin Partnership, A proposal of elected officials within Yavapai County, Arizona, April 3, 2006")