

Agenda Item 5: TAC appointment and removal procedure

This agenda item is intended to discuss issues surrounding the appointment and removal process for TAC members. The desired outcome is to reach consensus on language describing a basic process the WAC and TAC members will agree to follow. A determination should be made as to whether this should, or needs to go to the Board as a formal Resolution. The following is a DRAFT.

Basic Appointment procedure (DRAFT):

1. Vacancy is identified
2. Candidate who meets minimum qualifications is identified (typically, has been a recommendation from a TAC member at a TAC meeting)
3. TAC discusses and approves recommendation to WAC
4. Recommendation goes to WAC (action item)
5. WAC forwards to Board or Supervisors
6. Approval and Official Appointment by BOS
7. Candidate receives appointment letter from County and signs County Oath-of-office

Basic Removal procedure (DRAFT):

1. If member leaves the region or resigns, then a vacancy is automatically open (unless declared voided by WAC and BOS) and the basic appointment procedure can be followed.
2. If a member is to be removed for any other reason (see example reasons below). The issue is brought to the attention of the WAC Co- Chairs, by either a TAC or a WAC member.
3. If one co-Chair is convinced that the issue is warranted, then a review board is formed from WAC members (4 or 5 people (??))
4. The review board examines the case and makes a recommendation to the WAC
5. WAC to reach consensus on review board recommendation
6. WAC then forwards recommendation to Board of Supervisors
7. Unless a change in Board procedure is made through resolution, the Board may remove TAC members as per resolution 1270.

Example reasons for consideration of removal:

1. Attendance and participation: Does not attend TAC meetings or participate in discussions/and workload
2. Behavior: Does not work well with others in the group (must define, but includes typical unprofessional, unscientific behavior)
3. Political: Uses authority of the TAC/WAC to take a public advocacy position (advocacy within the TAC is desirable, however, outside of the TAC, TAC members should be careful to maintain TACs position as non-political, science advisory group).

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Background:

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Resolution 1270 established the TAC (November 2000) in response to a need for technical assistance identified by the WAC. The resolution specified TAC membership is to be comprised of six individuals with technical expertise in the area of water resources and water management (three from the Prescott area and three from the Verde Valley). Currently a seventh TAC seat is filled by a representative from the ADWR.

A set of minimum technical qualifications have been identified by the TAC and approved by the WAC in January, 2004. The qualifications are “a minimum of BS in Geology, Hydrology, engineering or related field, and 10 years of water resource related experience, or an equivalent in post graduate education and experience with post graduate education counting as one year of experience”. The basic TAC tenet is to have diversity of hydrologic expertise represented; work in interest of the County and in support of WAC goals; be science based; and work in a collaborative manner.

The WAC adopted four year terms for TAC members with reappointment or new member selection options. The BOS will make final approval. According to the TAC Bylaws, the WAC can appoint additional members from other watersheds if it so desires. It is the WAC’s choice to provide input or changes to the bylaws.

According to Resolution 1270, the TAC members are to serve until such time as they resign or are removed by the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Appointments to the TAC shall be made by the BOS.