

Agenda Item 4: Coordinators Report and TAC Report

Budget: From preliminary "January 2007 Financial Report": Account balance: \$421,245; YTD Deductions: \$66,612 (Fiscal Year Starts July 1).

\$130K committed to USGS

\$60K committed to Hoyt Johnson scenario development

Arizona Water Expo 2007: WAC has a table reserved for February 27, 2007 at state capitol. The purpose of the Expo is to inform legislators of water resource related activities around the state (and within their districts). The time is from about 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Chris Moran and John Rasmussen (and possibly Jane Moore) are scheduled to manage the display. (Primary planners have been John Rasmussen, Chris Moran, Dorothy O'Brien, and Jane Moore)

Display:

In general, the emphasis will be a simple and informative message. Plan is to have three-panel display board with one panel dedicated to WAC (who we are, and the mission); a second panel dedicated to a map of the watersheds in the County (where), and a third dedicated to issue of management planning for water resources (tie into the role of legislators) (a "what and why" panel).

The focus and message of the third panel is the management challenge, the information that builds confident decisions, and the role of legislators. The current plan is to display a map(s) of land ownership with text that says something like "dedicated to meeting long-term water resource needs for future generations" using valid information and leadership (tie to good science informing leadership). And a final link to the need to legislative considerations.

Handouts

We are considering two handouts. One handout will list WAC membership entities and the WAC mission. A second handout is planned to have a county landownership map and the "situational analysis" from the WAC website. And a general statement to the role of communication, informed planning, and enabling legislation in the solutions we seek.

We will also have some copies of recent reports available (such as geophysics and hydrogeology)

The display and handout materials will not represent views of the WAC or Board of Supervisors that have not been agreed to by the WAC or the BOS. Planners for this event are sticking to representative excerpts from published WAC documents and related factual information (i.e. a watershed and land-ownership map).

The following is from the Arizona Water Expo registration form:

If your display were to answer one water-related question for the legislators, what would that question be? How can people representing the diverse interests of Yavapai County work together to achieve successful long-term water resource management?

Briefly describe how your display will answer that question: The Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee (WAC) helps build confidence of policy makers and public by supporting objective scientific information-gathering and dissemination, maintaining strong communication links amongst jurisdictions, engaging in regional planning, and providing consensus-based advise to the Board of Supervisors. The display will have concise information on the WAC, its vision, recent accomplishments, and future direction.

Joint Session with Board

Scheduled for Wednesday **March 21st at 1:30 p.m.** at the Men's Club in Clarkdale (this is the regularly scheduled WAC meeting day).

WAC projects and priorities will be presented to the Board. The priorities the WAC identifies today and the letter to Supervisor Davis will be the cornerstone of the WAC's meeting materials and talking points.

Also, the Committee should be prepared to discuss what the other water groups are doing and how the WAC work relates to the work of the other groups.

Response to Supervisor Davis' request for information regarding WAC budget, accomplishments, priorities, and value

Draft version of response letter has been discussed with Co-Chairs.

Scenario Development Project

The BOS approved the expenditure for the Project to develop scenarios for USGS regional groundwater model. Work has begun on the project. Hoyt Johnson met with WAC coordinator and lined-out first steps of contacting appropriate individuals at County, cities and towns with description/purpose of project, and requesting data. Mr. Johnson will meet with, and report to the TAC soon.

Conservation:

New, updated conservation strategies report is in draft form. Will be reviewed by conservation subcommittee and given to WAC for review as soon as coordinator hands it off.

Other opportunities include proposal to start regional planning lead by City of Prescott and Central Yavapai Water Conservation Partnership.

Yavapai County Local Drought Impact Group (LDIG):

Drought planning group forming for Yavapai County. Had a February 6 2007 introductory and planning meeting with ADWR, elected representatives from County, cities, and representatives of NRCS. Agreed to consider making a special

subcommittee of the WAC. An “ad-hoc” planning committee has done some ground work. “planning committee” includes Jeff Schalaus (U of A, Extension Office), Bob Adams (NRCS), Ron Eckfield (NRCS), John Rasmussen (WAC), Nick Angilillo (Yavapai County), Tom Thurman (County Supervisor), Crystal Frost (ADWR). The group has worked with Evelyn Erlandsen and Susan Craig of ADWR (Drought Program).

Goal is to form a drought response plan and guidelines for the County. It is not a regulatory process. It will involve coordination and possibly agreements between entities.

TAC Report:

TAC White Paper:

Deliver white paper on USGS “Headwaters Report” (OFR 2004-1411; Wirt Report) to WAC today. Due to time constraints, it is not intended to be discussed today. The white paper will be discussed in detail at next opportunity (probably the April meeting). With the white paper, the TAC intended to summarize the Wirt Report and provide a basis for ongoing discussions of how it relates to water resource research and management.

Scoping of Verde Surface Flow Study

Initial meeting on February 8th generated questions for TAC regarding desires. Meeting included representatives from several organizations that could provide expertise and or information. After much discussion, the group agreed that the meeting summary and thoughts should be taken to the TAC for consideration. The goal is to clarify the objectives of the WAC in light of the numerous approaches discussed at the scoping meeting. A need to define the available budget was identified. Collaboration was discussed and there may be an opportunity for some cost sharing and in-kind contributions.

Next Meeting

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM Thursday, March 1st, at the ADWR office in Prescott (Hillsdale Road).