



**Draft Minutes of the
Miracle Mile Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 33rd Meeting**
February 13, 2008, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Flowing Wells Irrigation District
3901 N. Fairview
Tucson, Arizona 85705

CAB Members Present: Gary Abrams, Robert Brobeck, David Crockett, George Hembree, Alison Jones

CAB Members Absent: Netty Buras, Pauline Massie, Karen Ramage, Jan Randolph

ADEQ Staff Present: Tina Le Page, Project Manager; SRO; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO

Members of the Public Present: James Viereg

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Co-chair Gary Abrams conducted introductions of the CAB members and public participants.

2. Approval of Minutes for 9/12/07 CAB Meeting

Dave Crockett motioned to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2007, CAB meeting. Alison Jones seconded the motion. The CAB voted to accept the minutes. All were in favor; none opposed.

3. CAB Discussion and Vote on Member Resignations: Netty Buras, Pauline Massie

Eileen Palese informed the CAB about the request from Netty Buras and Pauline Massie to resign from the CAB, due to illness. She said she created a certificate for each of the resigning members because they had been on the CAB for several years. The CAB members agreed to sign the certificates. She also announced that Manuel Ramirez passed away January 22 due to heart disease. Eileen Palese asked the CAB members to sign a sympathy card for his wife.

Alison Jones announced that she is no longer working for the city of Tucson. She now works for Clear Creek Associates, consultants that work on the Silverbell Landfill WQARF site. The CAB did not see a conflict of interest and agreed that she could remain a member.

Gary Abrams motioned to accept the resignation of Pauline Massie and Netty Buras. Bob Brobeck seconded the motion. The CAB voted. All were in favor; none opposed.

The CAB discussed the new membership numbers, which they will cover in agenda item 6.

4. Site Update – Tina Le Page, ADEQ Project Manager

Tina Le Page said URS, the ADEQ consultants working on the Miracle Mile WQARF site, took groundwater and other samples in December 2007. They are now preparing a draft groundwater monitoring report which will be available in a few weeks. She said she can provide copies to the CAB before the next meeting. She said she is finalizing the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report. Part of that document will be the Responsiveness Summary to comments made on the RI. Management in the ADEQ central office has reviewed this document. She said she has also been working on the Remedial Objectives Report, which takes some time due to management review. She said the Remedial Objectives Report will be available for a 30-day comment period when it has been completed. The CAB will all receive a copy. She said when written comments are received on that report; a Responsiveness Summary will be prepared with ADEQ's responses to comments received. Once the two Responsiveness Summaries--one for the RI and one for the RO's--have been finalized, the RI will be complete. She said she hopes to have this accomplished soon.

Alison Jones asked if the CAB can respond collectively to Remedial Objectives. Tina Le Page said yes. This is what the Park-Euclid CAB decided to do. Alison suggested having a CAB meeting during the comment period so the CAB can formulate a comment. Tina Le Page said that can be done. She said that it is difficult to know the timing for the next meeting because she is waiting for management review.

Gary Abrams asked Tina Le Page what her best guess would be. She said ADEQ would like the Remedial Objectives Report finalized within the 2008 fiscal year, so that would be by July 1. Gary Abrams said it might be best to set a meeting around the comment period in June.

David Crockett asked is there have been any changes in work URS performed. Tina LePage said the only thing different from previous monitoring results was an increase of PCE was noticed possibly coming from across the river on the far western side of the plume. The monitor wells, IRA-5 and IRA-1, jumped to 35 parts per billion. She said URS is going to double check the data to be certain of the reading. The CAB examined the map and discussed the well locations. The groundwater flow is north/northwest.

Gary Abrams asked where the PCE would be coming from. Tina Le Page said it appears to be coming from across the freeway, from the Silverbell Landfill. Alison Jones said that the plume is somewhat complicated because of the Sweetwater Recharge project area, which may be moving some of the contamination from the Silverbell Landfill to the east. Tina Le Page said that ADEQ is now coordinating water level samples at all of the WQARF sites in the area, with the city of Tucson, Tucson Water, to determine what the influence is from the Sweetwater facility. This has been taking place since October. She said she will email the December groundwater data report to the CAB since everyone is now on email.

5. Call to the Public

Jim Vieregg asked Tina Le Page for clarification on when the Responsiveness Summary will be released for the comments received on the draft RI. He also asked who submitted written comments to ADEQ on the draft RI.

Tina Le Page said ADEQ received comments from Abrams Airborne Manufacturing, the Flowing Wells Irrigation District, and Tucson Water on the proposed draft RI. She said the Responsiveness Summary for the draft RI is done, but it can't be released until the whole RI document is released, which will consist of the Responsiveness Summary for the RI, the RO Report, and the Responsiveness Summary for the ROs. She can only release the entire document.

The CAB asked Jim Vieregg if he had any information about the state budget relating to the WQARF program. He said he has worked with the Arizona Legislature for years to try to keep a WQARF trust fund holding as much money as the legislature would allocate. In 1997, under Senate Bill 1452, the total amount of \$18 million was allocated on a yearly basis. But because of budget problems several years ago, money was stripped away from the program, but was finally replaced last year. Now there is a \$1 billion plus deficit and members of the legislature are looking for money to reduce the deficit. He said the primary reason for this is that for years the WQARF program was under funded. The law works best when it is properly funded. As long as the state has money in the trust fund to deal with all the WQARF sites, the State can do the job. He said there is not a need for the federal government to intervene unless it is an unusual circumstance and approved by the Governor. He said the ASARCO site is an example where the Governor has asked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) not to assert federal jurisdiction until ASARCO has had a chance to negotiate with ADEQ and the EPA. She has given the company a deadline, in March, he believes.

He said he met with the Arizona State Senate President, Tim Bee, in Tucson, to ask for his support for the Governor's budget proposal. She has proposed to take away \$1 million from the WQARF program. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has proposed to take \$5 million from the WQARF program. He said he told Tim Bee that he does not want to see any money taken away, but it is the economic reality. He also met with Bob Burns, who is the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, who said the revenue situation is getting worse. He said it is going to be a rough year for all state agencies. ADEQ is going to have to work hard to do the best it can to keep the budget where it is. There is tremendous competition among state agencies, so it takes a lot of effort to meet with key members of the legislature. He said he has met with nine influential members this year to support the Governor's budget, but it is not a good picture right now in Phoenix.

6. CAB Membership Discussion

Gary Abrams led a discussion on how to increase membership. Eileen Palese proposed some ideas. She said the CAB only needs five people by statute, but it would be better to seek additional members. She said that Metro Water put an article about the Shannon Road/El Camino del Cerro WQARF site in their newsletter to customers which generated several inquiries about membership on that CAB. She said that ADEQ could do a mailing to the Miracle Mile mailing list with a CAB application. She also suggested contacting Karin Uhlich, Ward III, to see if their office might know of someone interested in joining the CAB. She also suggested that the co-chairs might want

to promote CAB membership at one of the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition meetings. She said CAB members could also try to contact local businesses, but there has not been much interest in the past efforts. She asked if the CAB had any other ideas.

The CAB discussed the ideas she proposed. They decided that a mailing to the CAB would be a good idea. Bob Brobeck said he would contact the Council office. David Crockett said that the FWID is setting up a website and perhaps that page could include a link to CAB membership information.

David Crockett said Ellie Towne puts out a newsletter for the association, and perhaps she would put information about membership on the CAB in her newsletter. Tina Le Page suggested putting up a notice on the bulletin board at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center. Alison Jones said that people are so busy these days, so it might be worth saying it is not a large time commitment.

7. CAB Discussion of Meeting Room Location

Eileen Palese announced that the new Elle Towne Flowing Wells Community Center has opened, but the facility is only open until 6:00 p.m. She said she can find out if the schedule will change. One room can hold 12 people, which would accommodate the CAB. She suggested that CAB meetings can be held during the day, if the CAB wished. The CAB decided to hold the next meeting at FWID at the same time, and look to moving it to the new center in the future.

8. Other Administrative Business

Eileen Palese announced that a CAB Co-chair Workshop is again planned this year for Wednesday, May 7 in Phoenix. This year it is open to interested CAB members if a co-chair can't attend. She said more details will be mailed to the co-chairs.

9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The CAB decided to hold the next meeting of the Miracle Mile Community Advisory Board on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. It will be held at the Flowing Wells Irrigation District, 3901 N. Fairview, Tucson, AZ. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO, at (520) 628-6712, or email at palese.eileen@azdeq.gov, for meeting information and proposed agenda.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on a digital device as a record of the proceedings. To listen to a recording, or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.