



**Draft Minutes of the
Miracle Mile Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 34th Meeting**

May 21, 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, Alison Jones

CAB Members Absent: George Hembree, 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, Richard Byrd

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 2/13/08 CAB Meeting

Dave Crockett motioned to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2008, CAB meeting. Bob Brobeck seconded the motion. The CAB voted to accept the minutes. All were in favor; none opposed.

3. Site Update

Tina Le Page reviewed recent data received from Flowing Wells Irrigation District and said the district's groundwater treatment system has removed approximately 2.17 lbs. of TCE. She reported that the ADEQ contractor for the site, URS, received access and has been working at the R.E. Darling Property on Romero Road, looking at the sewer line as a possible conduit for the contamination into the groundwater. On May 28, URS plans to start a video log (underground camera) operation that will provide a view of the entire sewer line.

Tina Le Page said she had not received a final data report yet from the contractors for the last round of groundwater sampling. She did hand out a plume map from the previous sampling round. She said the draft results are not showing any significant changes in the concentrations of TCE and chromium contamination. She pointed out the wells where increases and decreases have occurred from previously presented data. She said she will send the final groundwater monitoring report to the CAB when it becomes available through URS.

Tina Le Page said that she had previously mentioned that ADEQ was working on an area-wide water level map of the Santa Cruz Corridor in cooperation with the City of Tucson, Metro Water and Pima County. She explained the purpose of this map which combines all available data. Tucson-area WQARF sites are shown on the map in relation to the other sites and areas such as the Sweetwater Wetlands. ADEQ and the other entities want to get an idea or snapshot of the water levels and flow directions to see what might have occurred on the same day at each of the site locations.

The CAB discussed the former Silverbell Landfill across the river to the west and whether the Sweetwater Wetlands, a water treatment facility, operated by the City of Tucson, might be affecting movement of the contamination plume at the Miracle Mile site as well as the Silverbell Landfill WQARF site. Tina Le Page said that is why this coordination effort is important, to look at all possibilities. Richard Byrd explained more about the recharge function of the wetlands. He said the water is used across the city on parks and golf courses. He said treated, reclaimed water can be reintroduced into the basin. Alison Jones said there used to be a seasonal aspect to the flows, but not anymore.

Tina Le Page reported that management in the Phoenix office is reviewing the proposed Remedial Objectives (RO) Report. Once approved, it will go out for a 30-day public comment period. She said that the proposed objectives are fairly straightforward. One relates to keeping the soil at the former Spring Joint facility capped due to the chromium contamination. The current owners have done this work and the debris at the property has now been cleaned up. The other proposed remedial objective is to protect the groundwater because it is being used for drinking water by the Flowing Wells Irrigation District.

She said copies of the proposed RO report will be provided to the CAB for review right at the beginning of the comment period. After the comment period has closed, this report will become part of the final Remedial Investigation Report (RI). She hopes the RI report will be completed this summer.

Alison Jones asked if it would be possible for the CAB to meet during the comment period so that the CAB could formulate a comment on the proposed RO report. Tina Le Page said they could do that, and members can also comment on the report individually.

4. Call to the Public

James Viereggs provided an overview of what the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

decided regarding the state WQARF program funding. He said ADEQ received minimal damage in that only \$5 million dollars was taken from the program, but it could have been more. He said next year is looking a lot worse for the state budget. He said it is important to contact legislators and build relationships with them during the off-season because during the regular session, they don't have time to discuss issues.

5. CAB Membership Discussion

The CAB discussed ways to attract new members and contacts they have made with neighbors. Eileen Palese said she would ask if an article could be placed in the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition newsletter through Ellie Towne. She also said that Flowing Wells Irrigation District had offered to place a notice on their new website for the CAB and the need for new members. She will prepare text for the website.

6. Other Administrative Business

The CAB discussed moving the meetings to the new Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center.

7. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The CAB decided to hold the next meeting of the Miracle Mile Community Advisory Board on Wednesday, September 17th, 2008. (The meeting was later changed to Tuesday, September 16 at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center), 1660 W. Ruthrauff Road, 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.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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.