



**Final Minutes of the  
Miracle Mile Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site  
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 35th Meeting**

March 10, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center  
1660 W. Ruthrauff Road  
Tucson, Arizona 85705

CAB Members Present: Gary Abrams, Fred Bass, Robert Brobeck, George Hembree, Alison Jones, Henry Madrid, Karen Ramage

CAB Members Absent: David Crockett, Jan Randolph

ADEQ Staff Present: Gretchen Wagenseller, Project Manager, SRO; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO

Members of the Public Present: James Viereg, Terry Miley

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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 10/28/08 CAB Meeting**

Bob Brobeck motioned to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2008, CAB meeting. Fred Bass seconded the motion. The CAB voted. All were in favor; none opposed.

**3. Site Update**

Gretchen Wagenseller addressed the current state budget shortfall. She said in order to provide needed funds to other state programs during the current fiscal year; ADEQ provided \$9 million from the WQARF program. For this reason, an order was given to all of the WQARF contractors to stop all Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) work on January 29, 2009.

She emphasized that funds still remain to continue the operation of the Flowing Wells Irrigation District Granulated Activated Carbon treatment system, as well as operation and

maintenance at several other WQARF site treatment systems around the state where drinking water supplies are being protected. She said the ADEQ project managers will now perform work in-house, continuing to finalize the RI Report and Remedial Objectives (RO) Report, and to finalize the Responsiveness Summary to the RO Report. She said ADEQ does not know what the funding levels will be for the next fiscal year, which begins in July 2009.

Gretchen Wagenseller said she did get access in the last month from Pima County to install a well, and she pointed out the location on a map she distributed to the CAB and public participants. She said the drilling will take place after funds are restored.

Gretchen Wagenseller said at the last meeting Alison Jones asked about whether a well, mentioned in the RO report, might be used in the future for irrigation. She explained that there is a RO to cover non-potable water use (potable water use means you can drink the water). She said she checked with ADEQ management and the well in question would be covered under the RO for the Pima County Industrial Well.

Alison Jones asked about the October/November sampling results. Gretchen Wagenseller said ADEQ did resample the well at the former Spring Joint facility. She said the results showed that contamination in the regional aquifer was not above regulatory levels. At this facility, chromium contamination is above the regulatory level only in the perched aquifer. She said there was very little water available in the perched aquifer at the Sprint Joint location to sufficiently sample. It was quite high at the last successful sampling. She said this property is now for sale.

#### **4. Call to the Public**

James Vieregg commented that the actual contribution the WQARF program made to the state budget was actually \$8.9 million. He said the budget situation is going to get worse in the next fiscal year. He said it will be at least three times the amount of this year's budget deficit. The state legislature will continue to sweep funds and that will include WQARF funds. He said this is all due to the national economic crisis. ADEQ will have to be selective on the work that does get done around the state and perhaps will have to reprioritize all of the sites. ADEQ also took a \$4 million general fund cut. He said all state agencies are facing these severe budget cuts.

#### **5. CAB Outreach Reports**

Bob Brobeck said that he visited the Ward 3 Council office again, but he was told they did not have anyone express interest in joining the CAB. Gary Abrams thanked him for his efforts.

#### **6. Other Administrative Business**

Eileen Palese reported on the WQARF Advisory Board Meeting held in Tucson on January 30, 2009. She said three members of the Miracle Mile CAB attended--Bob Brobeck, Alison Jones and George Hembree. She said there were a total of 18 CAB members from the Southern Arizona area and the WQARF Advisory Board members seemed impressed by the turnout. She said that there were also site visits held in the afternoon at the Los Reales Landfill and the Flowing Wells Irrigation District treatment facility site. Certificates were presented to all CAB

members at the meeting for their years of volunteer service to the WQARF program.

James Vieregg said, as the longest serving WQARF Advisory Board member (ten years going on 11 years), he wanted everyone to know that the board really appreciates the work of all of the CAB members throughout the state, including the Miracle Mile CAB. He said they know members give up personal time for this effort.

Eileen Palese asked James Vieregg to present certificates to the Miracle Mile CAB members who were unable to attend the WQARF Advisory Board meeting. The certificates were signed by Nick Wallwork and Karen Gaylord, chairs of the WQARF Advisory Board. He then handed out certificates and offered congratulations to the CAB members for their volunteer service.

#### **7. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion**

The CAB decided to hold the next meeting of the Miracle Mile Community Advisory Board on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 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.

*[The June 16, 2009, meeting has been postponed and will be rescheduled after July 1, 2009.]*

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 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.*

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