

MEETING MINUTES
WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE REVOLVING FUND ADVISORY BOARD
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), 1110 West Washington,
Phoenix Arizona, Room 250
January 18, 2008

Board Members in attendance:

Nicholas Wallwork	Richard Bark
Dave Christiana	Rick Lavis
Karen O'Regan	Dan Field
Dr. Bridget Bero	Linda Pollock
Jim Vieregg	
Amanda E. Stone	

Board Members Absent:

Tamara Huddleston	Alan Croft
Karen Gaylord	Kelly Barr
Steve Besich	Lori Faeth
Lee Stein	Manuel Ramirez
Nancy Petersen	

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. Welcome/Opening Comments/Administrative Issues- Mr. Nick Wallwork, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Wallwork reminded Board members the next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2008 and the year-end meeting will be on June 27, 2008.

Mr. Wallwork also introduced Dan Field as a new member to the Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Board, who is taking the position of Glinda Weddle. In addition, the chairman reported that Manuel Ramirez will be leaving the board.

II. Approval of November 30, 2007 Minutes – The chairman noted that since there was no quorum the voting of minutes from November 30, 2007 would be deferred until a quorum was formed.

III. Departmental Reports

A. ADEQ – Ms. Samantha Roberts went over a report given to Board members in their packets. The report included updates on the following sites: Central Avenue and Camelback, Cooper and Commerce, East Central Phoenix, East Washington Fluff, Klondyke Tailings, Park-Euclid, Payson PCE, Shannon Road, Tyson Wash, Vulture Mill, 7th Avenue and Bethany, 7th Street and Arizona Avenue, and two preliminary investigation sites - Nogales Grand Avenue and Kofa and Main Street.

Dr. Bero asked about the effect of the new well being installed at the Payson PCE site. Ms. Julie Reimenschneider stated communications have proceeded and it is possible the well might pull the contaminants. Mr. Wallwork asked about jurisdiction and authority to deal with such an issue. Mr. Christiana commented the new rule states that the well can be denied. Mr. Vieregg stated there is a section of injunctive powers that may apply to this scenario.

Ms. Roberts proceeded to address Board inquiries regarding the Vulture Mill WQARF Site. Lastly, Mr. Rick Lavis suggested that the Board maintain a legislative angle on the Vulture Mill Site to get resolution. Mr. Wallwork noted that Mr. Lavis shares his frustration with the Department over issues regarding the Vulture Mill Site.

- B. ADWR** – Mr. Dave Christiana stated his Department is finally fully staffed. In addition, he anticipates that within the next few weeks they will be able to begin the field work for the Central Phoenix Well Inventory. Mr. Christiana advised the Board that an ADEQ database update should be submitted by the end of the fiscal year.

IV. Discussion of Progress at WQARF Sites –

The chairman introduced Julie Riemenschneider, the Remedial Projects Unit Manager, to the Board. Ms. Riemenschneider introduced two of her site managers, Jennifer Thies and Andre Chiaradia, and also Kevin Snyder, a site hydrologist, to discuss Central and Camelback, West Van Buren and the West Central Phoenix sites.

A. Central and Camelback

1. Ms. Thies presented maps of the Central and Camelback Plume. Additional information provided by Ms. Thies included current activities at the site and Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 objectives which are the completion of the Remedial Investigation (RI) and observation of additional contaminant source areas. Ms. Karen O’Reagan inquired about the cost recoverable status for the Maroney’s Site. Ms. Ana Vargas, Manager of the Legal Support Unit with ADEQ, said the Department is still conducting the responsible party search and explained the process in more depth.

Ms. O’Regan addressed the site in regards to the Maroney’s facility not being held as a responsible party. Ms. Roberts noted that a relocation of a treatment system at this site would be required at some point by a prospective purchaser, but that they would need to pay for such relocation. Mr. Vieregg also clarified the extent of the approximate cost for the public benefit by the prospective purchaser.

B. West Van Buren

1. Ms. Thies reviewed site boundaries and current activities. In addition the Board was advised that both Ms. Thies and Mr. Snyder are currently working on the second draft of the RI Report. In regards to future objectives for this site, Ms. Thies stated that in FY 2009 the Feasibility Study (FS) should begin.

Mr. Vieregg inquired about the City of Tolleson wells. Ms. Riemenschneider responded the plume is not moving and the wells have been closed down. He also inquired about the co-mingling with the Motorola 52nd Street Plume. Ms. Riemenschneider explained that meetings have been held to discuss the issue. He also questioned the future strategies for this site. Ms. Riemenschneider responded that the completion of the draft RI and comments from the Remedial Objectives (RO) Report will aid in the ultimate remediation plan for this site.

Ms. O'Regan inquired about the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) search. Ms. Vargas stated the PRP search is still ongoing and will be completed when the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) is done. Further discussion commenced between Board members on the subject of PRPs.

C. West Central Phoenix

1. Mr. Chiaradia reviewed current activities along with FY 2008 objectives within the West Central Phoenix area for: East Grand Avenue, North Canal, North Plume, West Grand Avenue and West Osborn Complex. East Grand Avenue has a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system currently in operation and is working through the FS stage. The North Canal RI should be final by the end of the year. North Plume is activating an Early Response Action (ERA) with an operating SVE system. This plume has the highest contaminant concentration of the sites. West Grand Avenue will have new wells drilled. The West Osborn Complex is currently operating under the FS stage and the concentrations are broader than originally thought. This plume has merged with West Van Buren.

Mr. Vieregg requested an estimate for remediation of the entire five West Central Phoenix project areas. In response to Mr. Vieregg, Mr. Chiaradia advised that a clear estimate is unknown due to the various concentrations of each plume. Ms. Roberts added that this site is projected to be a high expense for remediation to the WQARF program. Ms. Vargas stated the PRP search has been completed under old WQARF rules and summarized the consent decree associated with this site. Ms. O'Regan stated that the City of Phoenix has lost water supply

because of the contamination at this site. The City has been working closely with ADEQ.

V. Committee Reports

A. Budget & Finance Committee –

1. Ms. Roberts reviewed the WQARF Revenues and Expenditures Report that was presented to Board members in their packets.

B. Discussion of Board Position or Action Regarding 2008 Legislative Funding-

1. Mr. Vieregg directed the Board to review the document titled: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Budget Factsheet, January 16, 2008. Mr. Vieregg motioned to support the Governor's proposed budget on WQARF reduction of one million dollars. The chairman called for a short recess to have Amanda Stone and Linda Pollack join the Board to create a quorum in order to vote on Mr. Vieregg's motion.

The chairman recommenced the meeting noting the presence of a quorum with the attendance of Board members Amanda Stone, Waste Program Director, and Linda Pollack from the Attorney's General Office.

Mr. Vieregg moved for the Board to adopt and accept the Governor's budgetary proposal for WQARF in this FY 2008 and thus maintain remedial activities over a variety of locations. Ms. Pollack seconded the motion. Mr. Bark questioned this fiscal year's carryover versus the five million dollar reduction and the effect on the sites cleanup activities. Ms. Roberts answered that the money carried forward is earmarked for site work and is viewed as a savings for capital expenses to come. The motion unanimously passed by the Board.

Mr. Lavis reminded the Board of FY 2009 being the year where most of the money will be spent and that explains the carryover in FY 2008. The Board felt it is necessary for the legislature to recognize such facts. The Board had concerns and aspirations to have the funds maintained at the highest level possible. The Board discussed this topic further.

VI. Public Comment –

The Chairman thanked the staff members who presented site information.

VII. Adjournment – Mr. Lavis moved and Jim Vieregg seconded for adjournment.