

Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Committee
***DRAFT* Conference Call Minutes**
Friday, November 21, 2014; 10:30 a.m.
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Conference Room 3100-A
1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Call-in Number: (877) 820-7829, Pin: 228497#

Committee members present: Eric Massey, Dan Thelander (Chair; phone), Kevin Rogers (phone), Tom Thompson (phone), Marguerite Tan (phone), Brett Cameron (phone), Keisha Tatem (phone), and Jim Walworth (phone).

Committee members absent: Jeff Silvertooth, Shane Burgess, Wade Accomazzo, Glen Curtis, Glenn Hickman, and Earl Petznick Jr.

Additional attendees: Emily Bonanni, Lisa Tomczak, Brendan Haugh, Ana Kennedy (phone), Mike Billotte (phone), Mike Sundblom (phone), Jeannette Fish (phone), Randy Sedlacek (phone), Nick Simonetta (phone), Nancy Levin (phone), and Colleen McKaughan (phone).

Welcome

There was an elongated introduction period to open the meeting, during which time individuals joined the conference call and introduced themselves. Chairman Thelander then opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Chairman Thelander made note that a quorum was present, as eight committee members were confirmed to be on the call. It was decided that the committee would forego the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

Discussion & Possible Action on Revisions to the Proposed Best Management Practices Rule

Chairman Thelander introduced the topic and stated that everyone should have seen the current version of the proposed rule, as it was attached in an email dispersed by Lisa Tomczak, ADEQ. Chairman Thelander stated that the current proposed rule is the same as the prior version, with one addition which addresses dairy operations in Pinal County. Chairman Thelander proceeded to read the affected subsection, and posed the question whether any further comments had been made since the last meeting. Lisa Tomczak stated that no further comments had been received by ADEQ.

At this time, Kevin Rogers made the motion to approve the proposed rule. Marguerite Tan seconded the motion. Chairman Thelander opened the floor to discussion, and Tom Thompson commented that the “apply and maintain pavement or cement” BMP should not be stricken from the sections regarding unpaved road and feed lanes (page 23 & 27). Mike Billotte stated that he had accidentally stricken the BMP, and the committee motioned to make this amendment to the proposed rule. There were no objections and the amendment to restore the “apply and maintain pavement or cement” BMP to the rule was adopted.

Chairman Thelander once again made a motion to adopt the proposed rule, as amended. Keisha Tatem

asked a question regarding dates that are specified in the rule, and Eric Massey answered the question to Ms. Tatem's satisfaction. Ms. Tatem then followed up with a question regarding national standards versus state standards in the rule. Eric Massey stated that the Arizona standard should be the default, and in the case that there is no state standard, only then should the national standard be taken into account. Keisha Tatem motioned to adopt this practice of prioritizing the state standard over the national standard, and Tom Thompson seconded the motion. Chairman Thelander opened the floor to discussion, and Brett Cameron asked for some clarification regarding this amendment to the standards. Keisha Tatem and Eric Massey provided this clarification to Mr. Cameron's satisfaction. Chairman Thelander then conducted the vote to adopt the amendment, to which there was no objection, and the amendment passed.

Chairman Thelander opened the floor once again to comments or questions on the proposed rule. There were no further comments or questions posed by anyone. Chairman Thelander then motioned to vote on the proposed rule, as amended. There were no objections, and the motion passed. The proposed rule, with the two aforementioned amendments, was approved.

Call to the Public

Chairman Thelander made the call to the public. Chairman Thelander asked for additional discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Thelander called the meeting adjourned.

Adjournment

Chairman Thelander adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.