

MINUTES OF THE  
SUB-REGIONAL OPERATING GROUP COMMITTEE

MEETING OF

MARCH 11, 2009

MEMBERS:

Jeff Kulaga, Chairman, Tempe  
Roger Bailey for Ed Beasley, Glendale  
Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix  
Roger Klingler, Scottsdale  
Kathryn Sorenson, Mesa

OTHERS:

Charlotte Benson, Tempe  
Steve Dalton, Tempe  
Don Hawkes, Tempe  
Paul Kinshella, Phoenix  
Doug Kukino, Glendale  
Collette Moore, Mesa  
Lisa Nevitt, Phoenix

Chris Ochs, Glendale  
Steve Olson, AMWUA  
Jeff Riggs, citizen  
Cynthia Seelhammer, Phoenix  
Donald Sehorn, AMWUA  
Lori Weiss, ADS Environmental Svcs.  
Thalia Williams, AMWUA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kulaga called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MEETING

Upon a motion by Mr. Fairbanks, a second by Ms. Sorenson and unanimous approval, the SROG Committee approved the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting.

3. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the SROG Committee was set for Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 10:45 a.m.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Fairbanks made a motion to approve the following items for consent:

A. Authorization to Execute a Contract Change Order with Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

The SROG Committee authorized the City of Phoenix, under the Exceptions Clause of the SROG Procurement Policy, to execute a contract change order with Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to close out the UP01 Completion Project. The Project Number is WS90100071 and will be billed according to Billing Schedule 48B.

B. Re-Rating of Treatment Capacity at the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue WWTP

The SROG Committee accepted that, as of February 2009, the treatment capacity at the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue WWTP be reflected as presented.

City	Flow (MGD)	COD Loading (lbs/day)	TSS Loading (lbs/day)
Glendale	13.20	103,000	61,600
Mesa	29.22	160,000	88,000
Phoenix	112.80	601,000	288,000
Scottsdale	20.25	115,000	88,000
Tempe	29.03	207,000	86,000
SROG	204.50	1,186,000	611,600

Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

5. MEETING OF THE SROG ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Sorenson said that the City of Mesa, over the next five years or so, will be facing some real pressure on their Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) and some steep potential increases in their rates to their customers. She wanted the Committee to know that Mesa will be looking very closely at future SROG and other CIP expenses to see where we are and what can possibly be delayed or cut back. She said the City of Mesa is in a very tight spot and obviously does not want to impact safety, efficient operations, etc., but economics are forcing them to take a closer look at CIP issues.

Mr. Fairbanks added that the City of Phoenix is in the same situation and agreed with Ms. Sorenson. He said it is important to meet environmental requirements and regulations. Phoenix is cutting back and needs to continue to cut back further.

Mr. Fairbanks said in terms of quantity, there has been a substantial slow down in terms of any construction needed to deal with the quantity of effluent, but looks like a substantial reduction in capital expenditures is possible. He said the dilemma is that the flow continues to increase in strength because each SROG city is doing what they can retain the water. He said Phoenix also wonders if people in their homes are using less water to reduce their water costs, which is strengthening the flow. He said Ms. Sorenson was correct in saying that we should be able to spread out, significantly, any investment that has to do with the quantity of

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flow. He said Phoenix's flow is going down and the issue is the strength of the flow. He noted that the recent expansions have had more to do with the strength of the effluent rather than the volume (flow).

Mr. Bailey said the City of Glendale has the same concerns and noted that over the last three years the city has had double-digit rate increases. He said next week he will go to the city council and propose a double digit increase again. He said we need to be very careful about suggesting that there are things we can do at the plant that could reduce costs drastically; he doesn't want to give the council the impression that these are discretionary costs because the integrity of the process is very important.

Mr. Fairbanks said he didn't think there was massive reductions in existing costs, but there may be reductions in future costs because expansions won't need to be done as rapidly as in the past.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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