



City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Water Advisory Committee

MINUTES
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7:30 a.m., Tuesday June 10, 2008
City of Scottsdale Water Resources Administration Building
9388 E. San Salvador Drive

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gill at 7:38 am.

Roll Call

Bill Gill, Chair

Don Manthe

Brian Munson

All committee members were present.

City staff attending: Beth Miller, Water Resources Advisor
Suzanne Grendahl, Water Quality Director
Christina Klien, Water Conservation Coordinator

Public Comment

Citizens may address the members of the Water Advisory Committee during Public Comment. This "Public Comment" time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. However, Arizona State law prohibits the Water Advisory Committee from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda.

No public comment was offered.

1. Approval of minutes.
 - Meeting of May 13, 2008.

The minutes were approved as written.

2. Upcoming Water Resources Department Council Actions – for information, discussion and possible recommendation to full EQAB.
 - July 1, 2008 Council meeting.
 - Application for modification of assured water supply designation.
 - Updated wastewater agreement with Town of Paradise Valley.
 - Enter into contract for detailed evaluation of the possible acquisition of the Arizona American Paradise Valley Water District service area within the City of Scottsdale.

Beth Miller reported that the City's application for modification of its designation of assured water supply was scheduled for action, and that the approval was not expected to be controversial. She also reported that the study to evaluate the potential acquisition of Arizona American Water Company – Paradise Valley was also scheduled for approval at that meeting. Suzanne Grendahl added that the study was expected to be completed within six months of issuing the notice to proceed and that the Council would then discuss any action to be taken as a result.

The committee members thanked Ms. Miller and Ms. Grendahl for the information.

3. Pharmaceuticals and Scottsdale's water – for information and discussion.

Ms. Grendahl discussed the City's response to recent media inquiries regarding possible pharmaceuticals in City drinking water. She commented that the City was sampling internally in the finished water. The only substance found was a small trace of caffeine. Other Cities in the valley who have sampled have also not found pharmaceuticals in their water.

Ms. Grendahl also reported that Cities throughout the Valley will be working together to develop a consistent message regarding pharmaceuticals (or the lack thereof) in drinking water, and One part of this message will be to develop an informational flyer on proper disposal of medications. Some of the other cities are also collecting used medications at their household hazardous waste collection days.

The committee discussed this issue at length and concluded that providing information regarding medication disposal was appropriate, and that the City should consider collecting medications at the household hazardous waste days. Mr. Manthe agreed that he would present the issue to EQAB for further discussion.

4. Water softener research – for information and discussion.

Christina Klien reported on research she had conducted regarding other entities' water softener rebates. She found seven entities (4 in California, 1 in Texas, and 1 in Michigan) who offered rebates. There was a wide variety of structure and types of rebates offered. The Committee thanked Ms. Klien for the information.

5. Water Resources Department updates – for information and discussion.

- Water conservation program update.

Ms. Klien presented the committee with a summary of water conservation program statistics. She stated that Water Conservation had been able to increase the number of irrigation audits conducted during the last several months, due to a change in staff assignments which freed up an employee's time. She also reported that Water Conservation was beginning a long-term analysis of the amount of water that was being saved through the turf removal rebate program.

- Water development fee study stakeholder meetings.

Chairman Gill reported that he had attended the June 2nd development fee stakeholder meeting, and commended the staff on their excellent presentation. He stated that he had learned a great deal of useful information, and was particularly struck by the fact that Scottsdale's total impact fees were not substantially higher than other cities' when all types of fees were considered.

Ms. Miller reported that a public hearing on the fee study was currently scheduled for September 9th. The committee requested a staff presentation on the fee study at their August meeting, at which time they would determine whether to recommend formal support of the fee study by EQAB.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 am.



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