SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Alisa McMahon, Chair
Larry Person, Vice-Chair
Candice Gimbel, Board Member
Bruce Travers, Board Member
Steven Schlosser, Board Member (telephonically)

ABSENT: Michel Hulst, Board Member
Dane Englert, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Janis Bladine, City Attorney’s Office

Call to Order:
Chair McMahon called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:36 p.m.

Roll Call:
A formal roll call took place confirming the members present as stated above.

Public Comment:
None provided, no public present

1. Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes -- Regular Meeting: October 21, 2015. Possible action
Chair McMahon

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 1

Vice-Chair Person provided a motion to approve the October 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Summarized Meeting Minutes as submitted, Board Member Gimbel provided a second to the motion; MOTION APPROVED 5-0

2. Recognition of Vice-Chair Person’s service on the Board
Chair McMahon
3. **Election of Vice-Chair to serve for the month of December 2015**

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 3**

Chair McMahon provided a motion to elect Board Member Gimbel to serve as Vice-Chair for the month of December 2015, Vice-Chair Person provided a second to the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

4. **Past Member Floyd Marsh presenting summary of the following topic:**
   - Updated submittal to the Board - white paper on Alternative Water Softening Technologies Discussion and Possible Action

   No Action Taken, No Discussion due to absence of Past Member Marsh. Item to be placed on December 16, 2015 EQAB Agenda

5. **Administrative Report - Discussion**
   - Updates and opportunities – Conner
     Board Member Schlosser commented that he had approached a salt free alternative water softener technology sales person at Costco and asked if they were aware of the Scottsdale Unsalted Water Softener Rebate Program. The response was that they were unaware of the program. Board Member Schlosser expressed his opinion that the program didn’t seem to be very well publicized, and that he felt the statistics of the program to date reinforced this.

   - Audit Committee Sunset Review – Conner
   - Council Selected Candidates for possible Board appointment – Conner
   - Overview of Maricopa Clean Air Conference – Brown

6. **Possible communication to Water Resources’ Executive Director regarding additional comments for future revisions of the City’s Drought Management Plan – Discussion and possible action**

   Vice Chair Person provided an overview of EQAB’s revised draft
Advisory related to suggested adjustments for consideration to the current City of Scottsdale’s *Drought Management Plan*. He outlined that one of the focuses of the Advisory was to consider utilizing Lake Mead as a storage facility for the City of Scottsdale’s allocation of the Colorado River water in lieu of purifying Colorado River water from the CAP Canal and recharging it into the aquifer for future use.

A second focus involved the suggestion of preserving Scottsdale’s water reserves through demand-side management based on the concept that the current drought may have a longer duration than what has been considered in the *Drought Management Plan*.

Board Member Travers questioned the balance of the possible evaporation in Lake Mead and if future transport costs were also considered. Vice-Chair Person stated that the transport costs should be a wash, and that there are also evaporation rates in the transport of today’s practice. He went on to point to the Advisory that stated that 100% of the water stored in Lake Mead would be available for future usage in comparison to 90% availability to the recharged aquifer sources.

Board Member Schlosser stated that the storage of water allocations in Lake Mead seemed to make financial sense. He went on to express some concern of the uncertainty regarding another larger water right holder (or an entity with more primary interest in the water rights) might be able to extract Scottsdale’s share of the Lake Mead water. He continued to state that climate change influence should be researched before any presentation is made to Council. He suggested that comparisons be made relating current and possible future conditions with the 1983 Lake Mead levels that were considered the last full recharge of the reservoir. Comparisons should look at an eight month period at the very least. He did go on to say that those with a different view of climate change may not support any of the comparisons.

Vice-Chair Person stated that the Bureau of Reclamation suggests a recommendation to look forward in two year increments at a minimum.

Board Member Travers asked, due to Arizona being a junior partner in the water rights for the Colorado River water what would be Scottsdale’s legal rights to the water if stored in Lake Mead?
Vice-Chair Person stated that the CAP Canal delivery system has changed how reductions are calculated for Arizona based on the increasing triggers in the river basin drought planning. Also, he went on to state that the falling level of Lake Mead could have an impact on the hydroelectric production that serves multiple states.

Mr. Conner asked if consideration of less recharge had been considered with the City’s current policy of “safe yield” with regards to aquifer recharge and pumping.

Board Member Schlosser asked if the Board could Call the Question to vote on this proposed Advisory.

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 6**

Board Member Schlosser provided a motion to accept the Advisory submitted by the Chair and Vice-Chair, recommend that it be signed by the Chair and forwarded to the Mayor, City Council and other noted addressees including the City Manager and Executive Director of Water Resources, Vice-Chair Person noted that the vote outcome should be adjusted to reflect that vote was a 5 to 0 vote in approval, Chair McMahon provided a second to the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

7. **Updated overview of progress for the idle reduction during student pickup and drop off at Scottsdale Unified School District. Discuss next steps for EQAB. – Discussion and possible action**

Board Member Gimbel provided an overview of the revised documents she had provided as a resource package for the above noted topic.

Chair McMahon stated that she was anticipating that this resource packet and the cover letter might be somewhat more flexible for the use of multiple districts, staff, and possibly to inform the City Council. She noted that this packet seemed to be more specifically referencing the Scottsdale Unified School District and the cover letter was addressed to the Mayor.

Board Member Gimbel stated that she had understood the past input had suggested the cover letter be directed to the Mayor, and was not
recalling the discussion of sending this to other districts. The Chair said she would look over her past notes and assist Board Member Gimbel with modifications to the packet.

Board Member Schlosser pointed out the current concerns with ozone air pollution may provide the need for future restrictions of the idling issue.

No action taken, item will be readdressed at December 16, 2015 meeting

8. **Board discussion and possible action regarding Transportation Director's Transportation Master Plan Update Presentation. – Discussion and possible action**

   Chair McMahon

   No discussion, no action, item moved to December 16, 2015 meeting agenda

9. **Board discussion and possible action regarding the development of the 2015-2016 EQAB work program topics list including the possible reassignment of projects previously championed by retiring board members – Discussion and possible action**

   Chair McMahon & Board Members

   Board Member Travers expressed his interest in working on water related issues and would be willing to assist in working towards establishing a champion(s) for EQAB within the Mayor and Council.

   Board Member Schlosser restated that he had volunteered to lead the salinity issues topic.

   No action taken, item will be readdressed at December 16, 2015 meeting

10. **Discussion regarding possible City participation in the United Nations Climate Summit Compact of Mayors – Discussion and possible action**

    Board Member Gimbel

    No discussion, no action, item moved to December 16, 2015 meeting agenda
11. **Board Members’ reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items – Discussion**

Future agenda items suggested:
- Environmental Security
- Draft Annual Report

12. **Updates and reminders –**
- Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m.
- Additional announcements by Board Members & Staff

**Adjournment:** With the departure of Board Member Gimbel at approximately 6:48 p.m., and the loss of telephonic communication with Board Member Schlosser at 6:52 p.m., the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned due to lack of a quorum.