

Operator Certification Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

GoToWebinar (Virtual)

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Purpose of Meeting: Input and suggestions for future operator outreach/trainings from ADEQ.

Committee Members Present:

- Dawn Simpson – Sunstate Environmental, Small Public Water System & Committee Chair
- Mike Osborne - Town of Marana, Wastewater Collection Grade 4 & Committee Co-Chair
- Anupa Jain - City of Chandler, Water Distribution Grade 4
- Art Nunez – EPCOR, Water Treatment Grade 4
- Eboni Rhone – Department Representative & Executive Secretary
- Fred Kreiss - Cactus State Water, Investor-owned water/wastewater facility
- Rob McCandless – Stantec, Professional Engineer
- Roman Diaz - Gateway Community College, Faculty for Sanitary Sciences

Committee Members Who Sent Regrets:

- Blake Anderson – Operator Grade 4, Employed Remote Operator
- Rich Marsh – Town of Welton, Appointed Municipal Official
- Jason Joynes – CPM, Wastewater Treatment Grade 4
- Jason Bobko – ADEQ Representative

Guest Attendees:

- Mannie Bowler - Community Liaison Program Manager

Call to Order: Eboni Rhone called to order the regular meeting of the Certification Committee at 2:01PM through the virtual platform, GoToWebinar.

Roll Call: 8 of the 11 committee members were present. Per Arizona Administrative Code Title 18, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 103(F), the quorum was met and the meeting continued as scheduled. One guest attendee viewed the meeting.

General Business: Review of last meetings minutes. Members were briefed on upcoming outreach events, planned and in implementation phase. The HB2741 Initial Fee waiver process was presented and committee members will receive follow up information one the applications are open to the public.

New Business: Suggestions for outreach topics and trainings:

- More outreach to the future workforce of operators (Blake Anderson, Roman Diaz)
- Providing more training geared towards rural systems/operators (Dawn Simpson, Mannie Bowler)
- Consumer Confidence Report refresher (Anupa Jain, Dawn Simpson)
- More technical trainings, especially for new operators (Blake Anderson)
- Basic regulation refresher (Anupa Jain)
- Involvement of Operator Certification program with upcoming potable water reuse regulations (Rob McCandless)

No objections were made towards subjects presented by the Program or committee members.

Next Meeting: The Certification Committee will reconvene Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:32PM

Minutes Approved By: Jason Bobko, Manager, Drinking Water Engineering Review, Technical Assistance and Operator Certification Unit

Minutes Submitted By: Eboni Rhone, Operator Certification Program Coordinator