

**Park-Euclid/7th Street and Arizona Avenue/Stone Avenue and Grant Road
Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Sites'
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Public Meeting**

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Himmel Park Library
1035 North Treat Avenue,
Tucson, AZ 85716**

MEETING MINUTES

CAB Members Present: Bill Richards, Marc Verhougstraete, Katie Bolger, Keith Bagwell, Bill Ellett, Jacky Turchick, Jonathan Salvatierra, Richard Byrd, and Diana Lett

CAB Members Absent: Linda Robles and Menachem Turchick

ADEQ Staff Present: Gianna Trujillo, Project Manager; Tara Thurman, Community Involvement Coordinator; Josh Campbell, Project Manager; and Wendy Flood, Remedial Project Support Unit Manager

Members of Public Present: Chris Perkouse, Hargis and Associates; Claire Kaufman, City of Tucson Ward 6; Sally Ann Gonzales, Arizona State Senate; Victoria Hermosilla, Montgomery and Associates; Paul C. Templeton; Max Campos, Tucson Water; and Beth Scully, Tucson Water

1. Call to Order/Introductions:

Mr. Bill Richards called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Ms. Tara Thurman reminded those in attendance that this meeting is only covering the Stone Avenue and Grant Road and 7th Street and Arizona Avenue site. Introductions were conducted.

2. Acceptance and/or Changes to May 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Diana Lett had a correction to Mr. Kyle Johnson statement; “Perched aquifers are regional”; Ms. Lett stated that that was not accurate and should be reviewed and edited. Mr. Richards moved to accept the minutes with the proposed edit; Ms. Lett seconded; motion passed.

3. Presentation by ADEQ of Stone and Grant WQARF Site Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report, Updates, and Next Steps:

Ms. Gianna Trujillo discussed the WQARF phases, and the difference of the soils-only RI and Feasibility Study (FS) process. Ms. Trujillo stated that she anticipates this site to move along

quickly as there is not affected groundwater. Ms. Trujillo reviewed the site maps, boundaries, site cross section and conceptual site model, which are included in the Draft RI Report.

Mr. Paul Templeton, member of the public, asked a question regarding the origin of the contamination; Ms. Trujillo stated the contaminants are typically from industrial or dry-cleaning facilities. Mr. Jonathan Salvatierra asked a question regarding the historical geology of the area; Ms. Trujillo stated that this area historically had a perched aquifer; however, there is no longer a perched aquifer in the area.

Ms. Trujillo went over the concentrations of PCE and TCE in both shallow and deep soil vapor samples, as well PCE and TCE present in indoor air at various properties. She explained there are lower concentrations near the location of the Early Response Action (ERA) activities. The difference between screening levels, standards, and residential standards were discussed. Mr. Marc Verhougstraete asked what a screening level was; Ms. Trujillo responded that EPA sets the levels based on health risks and studies that have been conducted. Mr. Verhougstraete asked if PCE and TCE had cancer risks; Ms. Flood stated that further specific health related topics can be discussed at next meeting.

Mr. Salvatierra asked a question regarding the expansion of Grant Road and the impact of this site; Ms. Trujillo explained that Phase I (and sometimes Phase II) Environmental Site Assessments are typically conducted, which would address any environmental concerns. Mr. Richard Byrd confirmed the City of Tucson conducts environmental assessments and considers WQARF information.

Ms. Trujillo discussed the nearby dialysis center that has the potential to be impacted by contaminated indoor air. Though it is commercial, is being treated as a residential property, so it is held to conservative residential standards.

Ms. Trujillo informed the CAB there were exceedances in PCE and TCE at a residential property on Alturas Street and there has been contact with that property owner. Ms. Jacky Turchick asked how the indoor air quality is being addressed, and if the residents are provided financial assistance for treatment options. Ms. Trujillo stated that the property owner is aware of the situation, and various recommendations have been provided to improve the air quality. It is up to the property owner as to whether ADEQ performs any remediation at the residence, as it is very intrusive. Ms. Turchick stated that she would like follow up on that progress; Ms. Wendy Flood discussed that Ms. Turchick could make an official comment on the Draft RI Report regarding this topic.

Ms. Trujillo continued to explain the Remedial Objectives for a soils only site does not have a comment period. Ms. Trujillo continued discussing the Land Water Use Study, additional RI data gaps, and updates regarding the existing ERA. She informed the CAB that a pilot test is underway for a second ERA near the northwest corner of Stone Avenue and Grant Road and closed with discussing next steps and associated timelines.

4. Discussion of ADEQ Presentation by the Board:

Mr. Bill Ellett inquired about leaving the groundwater wells in place and if they will continue to be sampled; Ms. Trujillo stated ADEQ will keep an eye on that area and the regional aquifer levels. Mr. Ellett also asked about the outreach to the dialysis center. Ms. Flood stated that proper

communication has been provide and CAB members could assist by using their personal resources/contacts to help ADEQ as the owner/management company has not been responsive to emails, letters and calls.

Mr. Salvatierra asked about how employees at the commercial properties are made aware of the air quality issues; Mr. Ellett stated that the property owner at the dialysis center has not shown much interest in providing signage in the workplace, etc.

Mr. Templeton asked about health risks at this property; Mr. Richards explained that this program is to remediate the property, and not to assess health risks. Ms. Flood stated that Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) manages health concerns and can provide their information if needed.

5. CAB Comments on the RI:

No individual CAB comments were made on the Draft RI Report.

6. Possible CAB Vote on Collective Comments on the RI:

Official Comment: Ms. Turchick would like follow up regarding the remediation efforts at the impacted residential properties.

Official Comment: Ms. Turchick would also like information provided regarding program funding for any remediation activities located on private properties that better indoor air quality.

The CAB stated that they would like these comments to be collective, CAB comments; Ms. Turchick moved; Mr. Byrd seconded; motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment on the RI:

The Honorable Sally Ann Gonzales asked how notification of comment periods and site is conducted. Ms. Thurman explained the ADEQ mailing lists and noticing procedures. Ms. Thurman also referenced WQARF site listing and the mass mailing conducted which targets all the addresses within the Community Involvement Area. Ms. Flood added the purpose of the CAB and CAB meetings is to disseminate information out to the public and spread awareness of upcoming meetings, activities, etc. in addition, elected officials are on the mailing lists, and requested a follow up with Ms. Gonzales to verify her information. Ms. Gonzales also asked if ADEQ sent out the initial fact sheet(communication) in Spanish, to which Ms. Flood stated they did, in fact it was a CAB request to do so (English and Spanish).

Mr. Salvatierra asked how many people are on the mailing list; Ms. Flood was unsure and would follow up with him.

No official public comments made.

8. Discussion by the Board of ADEQ Handout on 7th Street and Arizona Avenue WQARF Site Update:

Ms. Lett asked if the handout was depicting an ongoing rebound test, as there are still wells that show the presence of low-density non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL); Ms. Flood responded that the rebound study is anticipated to continue into 2020. Mr. Richards asked if there could be another update on the 7th Street and Arizona Avenue site at the next meeting.

9. Call to the Public:

Mr. Templeton explained activities that occurred historically at a nearby railroad, which included boxcar repairs. Ms. Flood stated that Mr. Templeton could reach out to Mr. Johnson, project manager, if he would like to share information about historic practices.

Mr. Templeton inquired about the goal of the program; Mr. Richards explained the contaminants are in the process of being cleaned up. Mr. Byrd briefly explained the purpose of the WQARF program. Ms. Flood stated that the ultimate goal is to clean up the site. Mr. Salvatierra stated that the CAB is a resource for the public. Ms. Flood stated more information can be provided regarding the WQARF process and mission at the next meeting.

Mr. Templeton also asked what labs are used to analyze the samples collected; Ms. Trujillo stated that ADEQ only uses certified labs. Mr. Templeton asked if he can get a list of the certified labs; Ms. Flood stated that ADEQ can follow up to provide the information.

10. Future Meeting/Agenda Discussion:

Ms. Thurman stated the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Park-Euclid site is likely to be finished within the next 6 months; and being the PRAP has a 90-day comment period, Ms. Thurman offered a CAB meeting within that comment period, approx. February or March.

Ms. Thurman mentioned that Mr. Verhougstraete is resigning as Co-Chair therefore next meeting voting will take place for a new Co-Chair.

Ms. Thurman offered the WQARF process review/handout can be provided for new members of the public. Ms. Thurman asked if 5:30-7:30 p.m. meeting time would work for the CAB, as the current timeslot gets cut early due to the closing of the library; CAB agreed and requested Tuesdays.

Ms. Katie Bolger inquired about the comments made on the Draft RI Report; Ms. Trujillo responded that the comments are added to the responsiveness summary which is included within the Final RI Report. Ms. Bolger asked when the Final Report would be ready; Ms. Trujillo stated hopefully end of October. Mr. Byrd asked if the report is sent out by email; Ms. Thurman stated the CAB would get a personal, courtesy email with the report and associated public notice, especially because the CAB made collective comments on the Draft RI Report.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.