

**Highway 260 and Main Street
Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting**

July 17, 2019

6p.m. – 8p.m.

**Cottonwood Recreation Center
150 South 6th Street
Cottonwood, Arizona 86326**

MEETING MINUTES

CAB Members Present: Kyla Allen, Bill Wade, and Roger Biggs

CAB Members Absent: Spring Bright and Michael Matthews

ADEQ Staff Present: Wendy Flood, Remedial Projects Support Unit Manager; Tara Thurman, Community Involvement Coordinator; Barbara Boschert, Community Involvement Coordinator; and Mr. Matt Narter, Project Manager

Members of Public Present: Debbie Beitkreutz, City of Cottonwood; Al Tellis, property owner; Melissa Franklin, property owner; Jackie; Keith Dixon, Turquoise Triangle RV; Rebecca Payan, property owner; Hank Chaikin; Craig Stevens, property owner; Leslie Stevens, property owner; Andy Groseta, property owner; and David Mongini

1. Call to Order/Introductions:

Ms. Kyla Allen called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

2. Acceptance and/or Changes of November 2018 CAB Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Bill Wade moved to accept the November 2018 minutes, seconded by Mr. Roger Biggs; motion passed.

3. Presentation by ADEQ Covering Highway 260 and Main Street Recent and Future Site Activities; Including Operations and Maintenance Plan for the Early Response Action:

Mr. Matt Narter discussed the site's history, site maps, and contaminants of concern. He then went over the WQARF phases, and discussed which phase the site is currently in (the Remedial Investigation (RI)). Mr. Narter explained what the RI Report will entail. Mr. Narter went over the soil gas sampling results and explained how Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) work in the environment. He also discussed the geology in the area and the effects it has on the spreading of contaminants/variances in sampling results. Mr. Narter then discussed the investigations of Reese's Tire and Spot Masters, and how ADEQ concluded that they were not responsible parties. He then explained vapor intrusion and the

indoor air sampling that took place in 2018.

Mr. Narter then discussed the recent groundwater monitoring events, including the installation of new monitoring wells and the sampling of private wells. Mr. Narter showed the results of the groundwater sampling on the site map. Mr. Narter discussed the findings of an impacted private well, and the outreach that was conducted to try to get in contact with this well owner. Mr. Narter went over the treatment system that was installed at the impacted well. Mr. Narter explained that an Operation and Maintenance Plan will be generated within the next few weeks for the treatment system.

Mr. Wade asked if there are private wells that have contaminate levels under the regulatory level of 5 micrograms/L, if they are safe to drink; Mr. Narter explained that anything above that regulatory level requires further investigation, and anything below does not qualify for the state to provide treatment. Mr. Narter discussed that ADEQ is willing to work with private well owners to inform them of what can be done, on their end, to minimize these levels.

Another question was asked regarding the state's upkeep of the treatment systems on private wells; Mr. Narter responded stating that the state will maintain these systems for as long as needed. Ms. Allen asked if the wells will be sampled indefinitely; Mr. Narter stated that until ADEQ can determine that there is no longer any risk associated with the site, that wells will continue to be sampled.

Mr. Narter went over the upcoming work for the site, including the completion of the RI Report sometime in Fall 2019, a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system pilot study, and the start of the Feasibility Study by June 30, 2020.

4. Discussion of the ADEQ Presentation by the Board:

Mr. Wade asked if the plume is moving towards the north; Mr. Narter stated that groundwater flows with the topography of the land, and also with the fractures in the limestone. Mr. Narter said that there is no reason to believe that the flow is going north.

Ms. Allen asked a question regarding the fluctuation of sample results; Mr. Narter explained that ADEQ samples on a semi-annual basis and at different times of the year, as that effects sample results.

5. Review and Discussion of the Health Effects Fact Sheet:

Ms. Wendy Flood briefly went over the provided Health Effects Fact Sheet. Ms. Flood stated that contact information for the Arizona Department of Health Services was located on the fact sheet, and they can be contacted for more specific information regarding the effects of the contaminants.

6. Call to the Public:

A question was asked about how tetrachloroethene (PCE) is regulated; Mr. Narter discussed the history of PCE and how historically, it was not regulated. He explained that the contaminate is not regulated, and now drycleaners are inspected under the guidelines of their required permits.

A question was asked regarding how SVE systems work; Mr. Narter explained the process. He also discussed that there is going to be a pilot test done on the SVE, and if the system is proven to be successful, it can be expanded.

Another question was asked regarding soil contamination and why it is not as widespread in this area as the groundwater contamination is; Mr. Narter stated that the soil does not saturate as easily as water.

Someone asked about how the state's budget effects the work that is done in the program; Mr. Narter responded stating that the state has funding in place for these projects, and though the amount fluctuates, the WQARF program remains to have money to run these projects.

7. Executive Session to Discuss and Review CAB Membership Applications:

At approximately 7:30p.m., Ms. Allen moved to go into executive session; Mr. Wade seconded. Motion passed.

8. CAB Member Discussion and Vote:

At approximately 7:36p.m., the open session resumed.

The CAB discussed the unexcused absences of Ms. Spring Bright. Ms. Allen moved to remove Ms. Bright from the CAB, Mr. Wade seconded; motion passed.

The CAB discussed the four applicants, Mr. David Mongini, Ms. Debbie Breitreutz, Ms. Melissa Mongini-Franklin, and Mr. Peter Andrew Groseta. Mr. Wade moved to accept all four applicants onto the CAB; Ms. Allen seconded. Motion passed. CAB notebooks were passed out to the four new CAB members. Ms. Flood stated that the notebooks could be explained at the next meeting.

9. Future Meeting and Agenda Discussion:

Mr. Narter discussed that that the RI Report should be going out mid-to-late September, meaning the CAB meeting associated with that report would be held 45-days out from then. Ms. Tara Thurman discussed that it would be beneficial to have a meeting before then to go over CAB-related materials to get them ready for the RI meeting/comment period. The CAB agreed that holding two separate meetings would be helpful. It was discussed that a mid-September meeting could be held for CAB-related info, and then a late October/early November meeting could be held to go over the RI Report (dependent upon when the report goes out).

The CAB agreed that a 6p.m. meeting time worked well in gaining more attendees. Ms. Breitreutz discussed that she has a venue that could accommodate future meetings better than the current venue. Ms. Thurman stated that she would get with Ms. Breitreutz regarding this venue for the upcoming meetings.

10. Adjourn – so moved.