

**Highway 260 & Johnson Lane
Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting**

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This meeting was held via teleconference on WebEx

MEETING MINUTES

CAB Members Present: Lee Hetrick (Co-Chair), Matt Patterson (Co-Chair), Barbara Teague, Dana Mark Exline, Keith Johnson

CAB Members Absent: Raymond Kary and Donald Earl

ADEQ Staff Present: Barbara Boschert and Mary McGillicuddy, Community Involvement Coordinators; Matt Narter, Ph.D., Project Manager

Members of Public Present: None

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Mr. Matt Patterson call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and introductions were held.

2. Acceptance/Changes to 8/6/2019 CAB Meeting Minutes

Mr. Keith Johnson motioned to approve minutes as is, seconded by Mr. Lee Hetrick, and the motion was passed.

3. ADEQ Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (see attached presentation)

Dr. Matt Narter presented the highlights of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP).

Mr. Hetrick asked how many private well owners have point-of-use (POU) treatment systems; Dr. Narter answered that there are three currently. Mr. Hetrick also asked if there are active wells within the plume that do NOT have POU system. Dr. Narter stated that there are, but they are

primarily for irrigation, and that they are suitable for that purposes. Mr. Hetrick asked who owns the properties where the POU systems are currently operating, and Dr. Narter stated that they are private residences.

Mr. Dana Mark Exline asked when the site might be de-listed. Dr. Narter stated that time frames are discussed toward the end of the presentation, but current estimates are at least 20 years.

Mr. Hetrick wanted to know the static water levels (approximately) of the affect wells. Dr. Narter stated that it ranges to 20-40' below ground surface, with seasonal variations.

Mr. Exline stated his concern for the financial responsibility of the Earls (potentially responsible party). Dr. Narter stated that talks are ongoing with Mr. Earl.

Dr. Narter clarified that the costs shown in the presentation are estimated future costs, and do not include previous expenditures at the site.

Mr. Exline asked whether the goal is to limit overall cost of the remediation, and Dr. Narter stated that the treatment plan (and its costs) are chosen with the overall goals of reasonableness, necessity and cost effectiveness.

4. Discussion of the ADEQ Presentations by the Board

Mr. Keith Johnson stated his concern at using the slower remedy, as he is worried about a decline in property values, and the cleanup “hanging over people’s heads”. He asked if disclosure about being in a WQARF site is required in real estate transactions. Ms. Barbara Boschert replied that there is actually a specific question on the Arizona state real estate disclosure form about whether or not a property is in a WQARF site, and that it must be disclosed. Dr. Narter stated that the remedy shown is not only based on cost, but cost effectiveness. He clarified that the state considers whether or not additional costs will significantly speed up remediation.

Mr. Matt Patterson asked whether there are contingencies in place if the plume shifts and impacts other drinking water wells, and Dr. Narter assured him there are.

Mr. Exline asked if there might be an option to increase/speed up using biomass or enzymes to promote remediation. He asked if the cost would be significantly higher to simply add more product to the wells to speed up remediation. Dr. Narter clarified that it’s not just a matter of adding more product, but doing additional investigation and drilling more wells to discover how best to disperse the bio-products. He stated that there would also of course be the cost of the extra bio-product needed. Mr. Exline expressed his concerns for property owners within the plume and the impact on their property values, and whether or not the cleanup should/can be completed in a shorter time frame. Dr. Narter explained that more detailed reasoning on the remedy choses is outline in the Feasibility Report, and offered to review the information with Mr. Exline at a later time.

Mr. Johnson asked whether property owners at affected properties have been contacted and given the chance to comment on remediation proposals. Ms. Boschert stated that relevant parties within the plume have all been notified throughout the whole process via United States mail.

5.*Call to the Public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

6. Future CAB Meeting and Agenda Discussion

Ms. Boschert explained that the next CAB meeting would likely be held once the Record of Decision (ROD) is signed, and that the CAB would be dissolved at that meeting. She stated that yearly community information meetings would likely be held thereafter, or whenever the community requested. The CAB was urged to stay in contact and request updates on site activities as often as they'd like.

Dr. Narter stated that the he is hoping the ROD will be signed by later summer or early fall.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hetrick seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.