

ADEQ Meeting Minutes

Klondyke Tailings Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting

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Thursday, April 2, 2009
Graham County General Service Building Main Level
921 W. Thatcher Blvd.
Safford, Arizona

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CAB Members present: Bill Griffin, Mark Haberstich (Co-Chair), Mark Herrington, Michael Bryce; and Lynn Skinner (Co-Chair)

CAB Members absent: Noralea Gale, John Luepke, Lauralea Bott; and Cathy Gorman

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Scott Goodwin (Project Manager), Jennifer Edwards Thies (Remedial Projects Unit Manager); and Felicia Calderon (Community Involvement Coordinator)

Members of the public present: Jay and Ginny Schnell, Wayne Curtis, John Stoddard, Sanjay R. Sangani (URS Principal Engineer) and Derrick Maurer (URS).

The meeting began at 4:10 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Ms. Calderon opened the meeting. Introductions were made of CAB members, ADEQ staff, and members of the public.

2. Acceptance and/or Changes to April 3, 2008 and September 25, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Haberstich made a motion to accept the minutes from both CAB meetings as written. It was seconded by Mr. Herrington. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.

3. Discussion of Current Status and Activities at Klondyke Tailings - Scott Goodwin

Mr. Goodwin started his presentation to the CAB with a discussion on the WQARF Fiscal Year (FY)09 budget changes and its effects on the Site.

See presentation below

A. WQARF Budget Changes

See presentation below

Mr. Goodwin commented that to date he has not received any updates on the FY10 budget. Mr. Goodwin also mentioned that stop work orders were issued the end of January 2009 for most of ADEQ's contractors.

Mr. Haberstich inquired if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determines the extent of cleanup efforts. In response Mr. Goodwin stated that ADEQ is seeking EPA's input on how to approach these residential cleanup efforts for large properties. Mr. Herrington inquired as to how many residential properties are impacted. In response Mr. Goodwin indicated five residential properties are impacted.

4. New CAB Co-Chair Nominations and Voting - Felicia Calderon

Mr. Herrington requested a motion to retain the same co-chairs, Lynn Skinner and Mark Haberstich. Mr. Bryce made the motion, and Mr. Griffin seconded. The motion then passed unanimously by the CAB.

5. Distribution of the WQARF 2008 Annual Registry Report-Felicia Calderon

Ms. Calderon explained that state law required ADEQ to produce and publish an annual registry report of all the WQARF sites in Arizona and their status for public information. Currently, there are 35 WQARF sites in Arizona. All attendees were encouraged to take a report for future reference. A copy of the WQARF 2008 Annual Registry Report is located within the repositories as well.

6. Call to the Public

Mr. Curtis inquired about health concerns from the clouds of dust, due to increased traffic, created by the road that runs by the tailings and residential properties. Ms. Schnell expressed similar concerns with the dust issues from the road, especially on her residential property. Mr. Goodwin stated that he has not yet sampled the road, because of regular disturbance of the surface, but felt that samples were warranted once State funding was available to do so. Mr. Sangani commented on methods available for dust control.

7. Future Meeting and Agenda Discussion

Ms. Calderon advised the CAB that due to recent budget restrictions she would not be able to send future meeting announcements to the Site's mailing list. Ms. Calderon requested the CAB members' aid in posting upcoming meeting announcements in key positions within their communities. Mr. Griffin moved to tentatively schedule the next CAB for Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 4 p.m. at the Klondyke Schoolhouse in Klondyke, provided both co-chairs determined that future proposed agenda items would warrant a meeting. Mr. Herrington seconded the motion. The CAB voted unanimously to accept the motion.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Haberstich adjourned the meeting.



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Update- WQARF FY 2009 Budget Changes

- As we are all aware, the State's economy and the budget is in serious condition.
- ADEQ worked with the Governor's office to find funding for essential State social programs at the Departments of Economic Security and Health Services.
- These important programs include mental health services, homeless programs, services for the aging and children, and other healthcare needs in the State.

Update- WQARF FY 2009 Budget Changes

- ADEQ environmental programs provided \$14.4 million towards this effort from fund balances.
- Despite the depletion of funds, the WQARF program will keep its soil and groundwater clean-up systems operating through fiscal year 2009.
- ADEQ management is currently formulating a plan with the funding that remains to continue to fulfill our key mission to protect the public health and safety.

Update- WQARF FY 2009 Budget Changes

- In order to keep the site moving through the WQARF process, ADEQ will finish the Remedial Investigation report in-house.
- ADEQ is currently working with the EPA to determine the scope of the removal on residential properties near the site.

Questions?

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