TWG: PERMIT PROCESS

Meeting: #12  Date: Feb. 21, 2019  Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Attendees (Conference call participants):
☐ Sandy Bahr, Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter
☒ Tricia Balluff, TWG Chair, City of Phoenix
☒ Rion Bowers, Bowers Environmental Consulting
☒ Mike Cabrera, Pima County Flood Control
☒ Tom Klimas, WestLand Resources, Inc.
☐ Theresa Knoblock, Tierra Right of Way Services
☐ Sheila Logan, HILGARTWILSON, LLC
☐ Amanda McGennis, Arizona Chapter Associated General Contractors
☐ David McIntyre, McIntyre Environmental LLC
☒ Marinela Papa-Konomi, MCDOT
☒ Betsi Phoebus, Jacobs
☒ Karla Reeve-Wise, PDEQ
☐ Suzanne Shields, Pima County Regional Flood Control District
☒ Jennifer Simpkins, Kimley-Horn
☐ James Stewart, ASARCO
☒ Laura Stewart, ACS (Archaeological Consulting Services, Ltd.)
☒ Scott Thomas, Fennemore Craig
☒ Marc Wicke, SRP
☒ Duane Yantorno, TWG Vice-Chair, ASARCO

Staff Support:
☐ Andy Koester, ADEQ
☐ Jill Hankins, ADEQ
☐ Mark Joyner, ADEQ
☒ Kelly Cairo, GCI

Discussion Items:
Welcome and Administration
  • Tricia welcomed the group and facilitated introductions.

Discuss Comments in Draft Paper
In addition to comments noted on the live document, highlights of discussion included:
  • Action item: Tricia to rewrite section 5.2.2 (A) regarding standard application forms and email TWG for review; include expandable engineering forms, reference to RGP example. (Done.)
  • The group discussed that substantively complete means all technical information is included. Administrative completeness means that all sections required are present.
  • Action item: Duane to check rule for substantively complete definition. (Done.)
  • Action item: Tricia to send APP checklist to TWG. (Done.)
  • Action item: Tricia to update definition of public notice readiness as rule change. (Done.)
  • The group discussed whether the white paper should recommend ADEQ act as cooperating agency, or ADEQ should consider acting as a cooperating agency.
  • There will be a minority opinion regarding no public interest review included in the white paper.

Tricia reviewed emailed comments received, including:
  • The permit is issued unless contrary to the public interest. The group agreed this is consistent with established language.
  • The group agreed that EPA should not be able to object to a public interest review, and to add this to the white paper.
For the purpose of the public interest review, the group agreed to recommend that ADEQ should determine whether the scope of analysis should be limited to the area of discharge of dredged or filled material, or the project area as defined by a future ADEQ program. Further, this concept will be included in the minority report.

Next Steps
Tricia will complete the summary table and edits discussed by COB 2-22-19. Pending input from the TWG on the table by 3-1-19, Tricia will cancel or notify the group about whether an additional meeting. The paper is anticipated to be completed in early to mid-March.

No word changes will occur in the final document editing. This will be purely a review for citations and a copy edit.

Tricia noted her appreciation of the group’s extensive work efforts and time commitment to the TWG and white paper, and their ability to work together even when discussing controversial topics.

Assignments and Action Items:
• All to notify Tricia if they intend to provide a minority opinion by 2/25/2019.
• Tricia to forward Scott’s minority opinion to the TWG as an FYI. (Done.) Please note: minority opinions are not subject to edit by the TWG.
• Tricia to forward updated draft to TWG and summary table by COB 2-22-19. (Done.)
• Tricia to cancel or notify the group about whether an additional meeting will occur pending input from the TWG on the table.