MEETING MINUTES
AZ Water Association Wastewater Treatment Committee

February 18, 2015, Noon – 1 p.m.
ADEQ 5th floor conference room
1110 West Washington Street; Phoenix, AZ 85007

Participants: Doug Berschauer, Chuck Graf, Bob Hollander, Bill Kenning, Doug Kobrick, William Li, Dean Moulis, Paul Schuitt, Mike Weber, Gary Whitten

Recorded: Doug Kobrick, committee chair

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1. Results of the January 2015 meeting. We had a very productive meeting in January, the need to keep the momentum going was discussed. Initiatives underway include the annual seminar, operator training class, annual report, and some more plant tours and workshops.

2. New website implementation. Bill Kenning has registered on the new AZWater.org website all of the remaining committee members who are paid-up Association members. There are a few committee members who are not current on their Association dues and cannot be registered on the site until the dues are brought current. It is actually a fairly common circumstance for persons who believe themselves to be paid-up members to actually have dues unpaid and this has been highlighted by the access restrictions built into the website.

3. Plant tours and workshops. The Avondale plant tour and workshop was a big success with over 35 participants and excellent presentations by our own committee members Pete Mirocke and Paul Schuitt. The Glendale West Area WRF tour was upcoming on February 25 at the time of the meeting. Payson, Prescott, and Yuma are potential plant tour sites in the coming months. The Verrado plant in Buckeye was mentioned as potential location for the Fall.

4. Webinar. The committee, in conjunction with the Biosolids Committee and the Energy and Sustainability Committee sponsored a webinar on disaster recovery and energy management implementation at the Bergen County Utilities Authority WWTP in New Jersey. There were over 40 participants who logged in for the webinar and in some cases, multiple personnel actually viewing the webinar at some locations. The webinar came off very smoothly, thanks in large measure to the preparations that Bill Kenning. This will serve a a good model for our future webinars.

5. Annual conference update. Doug Kobrick gave an update on the technical program. Several members of our committee have been instrumental in organizing various aspects of the conference including Doug Berschauer (operator training), Jesse Black (Meter Mania), and Tyson Glock (manufacturers’ presentations).
6. **Annual Report.** Doug Kobrick with assistance from Mike Weber prepared a draft of the Annual Report that had been circulated among the committee members. There was a good discussion of this year’s work plan and what the committee can expect to achieve from a practical standpoint. Doug Kobrick solicited any additional review comments. The report will be finalized and issued to Association leadership, as well as the committee.

7. **2015 technical seminar.** At the previous meeting, we had volunteers for the committee planning the seminar. Not much progress has occurred, need to start moving ahead to line up presenters, etc. A meeting will be set up in mid-March among the group that has volunteered to participate. More help is always welcome.

8. **Operator training class.** At the January meeting, a group volunteered to undertake the development of a L1/L2 wastewater treatment operator training course. There has not been much progress since then. This will be a significant ongoing effort, needs to get started. This will be a significant long-term project for the committee over the next 6 to 12 months.

9. **Sustainability committee follow-up.** Gary Whitten will lead our efforts to develop webinars in concert with the energy and sustainability committee.

10. **Monthly luncheon program.** Some committee members commented that it appears the luncheon program committee seems to be in need of suitable presentations from time to time. Doug Kobrick will approach the Tucson (Carol Johnson) and Phoenix (Tracy Grunden) to see if we could help with some content.

11. **Next meeting.** March 18, noon at ADEQ.