MEETING MINUTES
AZ Water Association Wastewater Treatment Committee

June 24, 2015, Noon – 1 p.m.
ADEQ 5th floor conference room
1110 West Washington Street; Phoenix

Participants: Noah Adams, Doug Berschauer, Jesse Black, David Epperson, Tyson Glock, Brian Hackethal, Bob Hollander, Doug Kobrick, Jessica Marlow, Dean Moulis, Hector Ortiz, Mary Parke, Paul Schuitt, Leanna Walker, Mike Weber, Gary Whitten

Recorded: Doug Kobrick, committee chair

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1. Member updates. Lacey James from the City of Avondale has joined the committee. David Epperson of City of Phoenix has been a member for a few months but this was the first meeting he was able to attend in person. Mary Parke and Paul Schuitt shared information about new opportunities they are pursuing. This was the first meeting Leanna Walker attended in person and she also gave a briefing on herself and her company MP Environmental. Our longtime member and friend Aaron Skiles has moved to Washington State. Good luck Aaron!

2. Math workshops, webinars, plant tours. Plant tours currently are scheduled as follows:

   Prescott July 1 - has been postponed due to staff changes at plant
   Scottsdale Water Campus – September date TBD. Hector Ortiz will talk with his cohorts at COS to identify a date.
   Yuma Desert Dunes WRF – October 29

   Cottonwood was suggested as a replacement for Prescott, Doug Kobrick will contact them. Phoenix 91st Ave WWTP biosolids facility would be a good site for a joint WW/ biosolids committees tour— David Epperson, who oversaw that facility for a number of years, will look into that.

   Jesse Black has arranged for an operators math workshop to be provided for Epcor and neighboring operations staff, scheduled for July 21.

   Webinars continue to be a weak point; we need to get some on the schedule.

3. Math workshop survey. There was some more discussion about the content of the math training participant survey. Gary Whitten will get the sign-in sheets to Jessica Marlow.
4. **2015 technical seminar.** Doug Kobrick briefed the committee on the status of planning for the seminar. The logistical arrangements are moving along well, but we are still in need of some speakers, and need to recruit sponsors. An announcement has been prepared and distributed to various interested parties; Doug provided a copy to the group.

5. **Operator training initiative.** Jesse Black re-volunteered to lead this effort; we all understand this is a long-term project. He will organize an initial meeting on July 21 of the interested participants.

6. **Committee webpage.** Bill Kenning, Doug Kobrick, Mike Weber, Lacey James and Gretchen Baumgardner had a meeting to discuss the webpage and how to tap its capabilities. Lacey and Gretchen have been working on discussion forums for their committees and had some good advice to offer. Bill, Mike (and Jenny Lopez has also offered to help) will continue to work on this.

7. **Mid-year review.** Doug Kobrick has prepared a review of our status in accomplishing the goals we set for ourselves for this year. He distributed a handout with the status to-date. We are doing lots of great things, and on-track to meet many of our goals. The main items where we need to accelerate are webinars, student involvement, and *Kachina News* articles.

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