MEETING MINUTES

AZ Water Association Wastewater Treatment Committee

July 27, 2016, noon - 1 p.m.
Maricopa County Environmental Services Department Room 200
1001 North Central Avenue; Phoenix

Participants: Doug Berschauer, Jesse Black, David Iwanski, Bill Kenning, Doug Kobrick, Chris McDonald, Dean Moulis, Blaine Miller, John Pinkston, Mike Weber

Recorded: Doug Kobrick, committee chair

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1. Meeting logistics. This was our second meeting in our new home which is working well, thanks again to Bill Kenning.

   There were difficulties with the teleconferencing, which had been set up by your humble chairperson and did not work this time around. An improvised call-in was arranged thanks to Doug Berschauer, and we were able to get some of our call-in participants reconnected.

   Sincere apologies for the snafu. It is not acceptable to have a failure in this system-- we need everyone’s involvement. The chair believes this issue has been resolved, we will see if he is correct in August.

2. David Iwanski visit. Operator training initiative update. AZ Water’s Executive Director, David Iwanski, accepted our invitation and attended the meeting. David gave an excellent discussion of his charge to help AZ Water grow, and expand its outward influence in the state, among many other things.

   There was an excellent extended discussion about what the Association can do to grow its membership and better serve the members. David gave the group a summary of the membership growth and retention plan that has been approved by the Z Water Board and he is implementing (with everyone’s participation and help, of course!)

   There was discussion about the value of our events in attracting new members and retaining the ones we already have. The issue of cost was discussed quite a bit. Access to trainings etc. at low/no cost is a major benefit of joining and we need to get the word out to draw more members who could benefit from participating in the Association.

   It was great to have David on-hand and a standing invitation has been extended for him to join us whenever he would like to.

3. Plant tours, math workshops update. Plant tours were held at the Chandler Ocotillo WRF on June 23 and Prescott Airport WRP on July 12. Both were very successful. The
Chandler tour was an early-morning version including a tour of the plant expansion construction site, and a joint effort with the Construction Committee. Andrew Gilmore of the committee did a great job presenting the engineering aspects of the project.

The Prescott tour was also well-received and filled to capacity. The math amigos rode north and gave another excellent training session for Prescott’s operators.

4. **Webinars update.** We had two additional webinars planned:

   - July 28: Pretreatment: POTW Police – Lacey James, City of Avondale
   - September (date TBD): Advances in Activated Sludge – Ron Latimer, Hazen and Sawyer

   Chris McDonald is going to work on coming up with a topic for a webinar he or one of his suppliers might present.

5. **AZ Water Association business.** Doug, and David reviewed the results of the AZ Water leadership retreat. The emphasis of the meeting was on energizing the committees, and getting them all moving forward to implement the AZ Water business plan. With all due humility, our group has set the bar that many of the other committees now aspire to reach. There is a lot of positive momentum with nearly all of the committees, some new leaders, and a lot more happening than a couple of years ago. There was also a lot of discussion about how to make the website more useful and current. Thanks in large part to Bill Kenning’s efforts to improve the webpage and his experiences as beta user numero uno, the webpage is getting much improved and the IT committee is going to coordinate with each committee to make sure that each one has a webmaster to keep its content fresh and useful. This entire initiative is largely due to Bill’s persistence. Thank you Bill!

6. **School outreach.** We again discussed our new initiative to do outreach to schools. David Iwanski offered to assist with Avondale.

7. **Webpage discussion forum.** Bill Kenning has set up several draft forums on the website, but not activated them. Gary Whitten, Jesse Black, and Andrea Kagie-Hay all volunteered to serve as moderators for the forums, and we have had other volunteers in the past.

Next meeting: August 24, 2016 – noon at MCESD