MEETING MINUTES

AZ Water Association Wastewater Treatment Committee

November 16, 2016, noon - 1 p.m.
Maricopa County Environmental Services Department Room 200
1001 North Central Avenue; Phoenix

Participants: Miguel Ayala, Jesse Black, Doug Berschauer, Nathan Ellis, Kelly Hanzel, Bob Hollander, Bill Kenning, Doug Kobrick, Chris MacDonald, Dean Moulis, Hector Ortiz, Dave Quinby, Manthou Tsiouris, Mike Weber, Gary Whitten, Jerome Yontz

Recorded: Doug Kobrick, committee chair

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1. Member news. Jerome Yontz from the City of El Mirage has joined the committee and participated in the meeting. Welcome Jerome! Tyson Glock reported he has a potential new recruit for the committee. Mike Weber reported that his new-member emails are working properly again.

2. December meeting. Doug Kobrick reminded the group that the December meeting would be our annual luncheon meeting, on December 21 at 11:30 in the 3rd floor training room at MCESD.

3. Plant tours. The Yuma tour that was scheduled for November 17 had to be cancelled due to weak registrations.

The group discussed the possible sites for plant tours in 2017:

- Flagstaff
- Northern Gila County Sanitary District
- Sierra Vista
- Yuma (rescheduled)
- Riverfront WRF – Cottonwood
- Northwest WRF – Mesa (Jesse Black will check)
- 23rd Avenue WWTP – Phoenix
- Anthem (Nathan Ellis will check)

4. Mentor Bank. Doug Kobrick reported that he will get the flyer for the Mentor Bank in the next Kachina News (due December 10).

5. Lunchtime Operator Forum. Dean Moulis has set up an Operator’s Lunchtime Technical Forum to held at Pima County’s Agua Nueva WRP on January 27 [tentative date, has now been changed to February 3] CPM (Chris Mac Donald) will provide lunch and a presentation on valve maintenance.
6. **School outreach.** Dave Quinby discussed the City of Surprise’s upcoming school tour for 120 6th-graders at the SPA (South) WRF. Jerome Yontz and Jesse Black offered to assist with the tour.

Doug Kobrick noted that our committee’s effort is lagging and needs to begin in earnest in January.

7. **Operator training.** Gary Whitten will send out a meeting notice to get this effort rolling again. Jesse Black reconfirmed his involvement, and Jerome Yontz volunteered to assist.

8. **Webpage discussion forum.** This needs to be launched. An article in the Kachina News would help get some attention. This is an initiative that will probably need to gradually build momentum but it needs to get started.

9. **Rural outreach.** Chris MacDonald offered to assist with this and Gary Whitten wants to remain involved as well.

10. “**Unfinished Business.**” Doug Kobrick reviewed the committee’s work plan for the year to see how we did in accomplishing our goals. In general, we have done a good job but we are lagging in a few areas, particularly our newer initiatives.

Next meeting: December 21, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. at MCESD