MEETING MINUTES
AZ Water Association Wastewater Treatment Committee

December 21, 2016, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Maricopa County Environmental Services Department - 3rd floor Training Room
1001 North Central Avenue; Phoenix

Participants: Doug Berschauer, Tyson Glock, Abdul Hamdan, Bob Hollander, Bill Kenning, Doug Kobrick, Blaine Miller, Dean Moulis, Hector Ortiz, John Pinkston, Zac Sharp, Jeff Tileman, Chelsey Weaver, Mike Weber, Gary Whitten, Jerome Yontz

Recorded: Doug Kobrick, committee chair

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1. **Member news.** Zac Sharp from Hilgart Wilson, Chelsey Weaver from the City of Phoenix, and Jeff Tileman from Rosendin Electric have joined the committee and participated in the meeting. Welcome Chelsey, Zac, and Jeff!

2. **Plant tours.** There were additional sites suggested for plant tours for the coming year by various members of the group:

   - Big Park DWWWID (near Sedona)
   - Winslow
   - Surprise SPA 1 (and include their new training facility)
   - 23rd Avenue WWTP – Phoenix (Chelsey Weaver will check)
   - Holbrook
   - Flagstaff (Blaine Miller offered to help)

3. **Accomplishments of 2016.** This was our year-end lunch meeting. Doug Kobrick reviewed the accomplishments of the committee over the past year. We provided 6 plant tours, 6 math workshops, 3 webinars, and were active participants in various aspects of the annual conference. We continue to have a robust webpage, and we provided a topic for the Phoenix monthly luncheon program. We have had several cooperative efforts with other AZ Water committees. We presented our third consecutive successful annual technical seminar.

   Areas where we intend to do more in 2017 will include the schools outreach program, mentor bank, webpage discussion forum and especially the operator certification training class. Doug reported that he put this event in the budget proposed for 2017, so we have a commitment to make this happen.

4. **Operator math workshop results.** There was discussion of the possibility of trying to measure the impact of our operator math classes. This has been discussed in the past but never happened. Chelsey Weaver said she’d be willing to take this on.
5. **Lunchtime Operator Forum.** The operator’s lunchtime forum at Pima County has been rescheduled to February 3.

6. **School outreach.** There was further discussion of other avenues that could be used to support this effort, such as Project WET, the ASU Engineering Education initiative, etc.

7. **Operator training.** Bill Kenning, Gary Whitten, and Hector Ortiz agreed to work on an article for the *Kachina News* discussing operator training needs and hopefully leading toward our training class we are going to develop this coming year.

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.** Bob Hollander discussed that this is an initiative for the Association as a whole and noted that we could probably enlist support from Executive Director David Iwanski as well.

10. **AZ Water calendar.** Doug Kobrick discussed with the group the fact that the AZ Water Association calendar is getting more crowded with events and some coordination between committees is probably going to be necessary. We would do well to stake out the dates we want to schedule for our events well in advance.

11. **Message from the Chair.** Our committee had a great year in 2016 and we are doing more things than ever. We have a lot to be proud of. It is great to see that the committee continues to grow with new members, and the continuing commitment of our longstanding members is outstanding! Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication to our profession.

   We are setting the pace for other committees and the overall AZ Water organization is more energized than ever, partly thanks to our efforts. Be proud of the contributions you are making! 2017 will be our best year yet.

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