MEETING MINUTES

AZ Water Association Wastewater Treatment Committee

February 22, 2017; noon - 1 p.m.

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department – 2nd floor conference room
1001 North Central Avenue; Phoenix

Participants: Bob Hollander, Doug Kobrick, Jesse Black, Dean Moulis, Nathan Ellis, Hans Burnett, John Pinkston, Kelly Hanzel, Chris MacDonald, Tyson Glock, Nichole Petker, Mike Weber, Jeff Tilleman, Barry Carroll, Bill Kenning, Doug Berschauer

Recorded: Doug Berschauer

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Doug Kobrick was not able to attend in person; Doug Berschauer presided over the meeting.

1. **Member news.** Nichole Petker and Barry Carroll have joined the committees and participated in the meeting. Welcome Nichole and Barry!

2. **Results of lunchtime operators’ forum.** The event was held at Pima County on February 3. Dean Moulis spearheaded this and reported that over 50 people attended. A great success, thank you Dean!

3. **Operator math workshops.** There have been no further recent developments regarding AWWA’s interest. The group discussed offering the math classes to facilities outside of tours. That was the original approach and is still very worthwhile.

4. **School outreach.** With assistance from Jeff Tilleman, a visit has been set up to meet with a Mesa Council member. Doug Berschauer met with Science Director from Mesa Schools at Science Fair today, Payne JH will be sending over 100 kids to conference on Thursday in AM – focus will be the exhibit hall

5. **Operator training initiative.**
   - Some expressed the opinion this should be an AZ Water effort not just WWT
   - There should be a meeting of the chairs of the committees
   - WWT has tried to lead by example, but maybe it has been too much
   - Gary is lead but is very busy
   - Maybe it should start with the operator math training – it is established and could be rolled out to all committees or be part of the AZ Water effort
   - Doug K to send out email to committee chairs and offer joint effort
   - Distribution/Collection have training at their events
• We could use information from operator training at conference to seed this effort
• Tape the presentations at the conference?
• Step 1 is to take the test – Tyson Glock made eye contact and will take the test

6. **Mentor Bank.** This effort is more formalized; need to follow up at conference; have the one page brochure available at all of the operator training sessions; hand out at events

7. **Annual Conference update.** There are three people that are part of the operator training that need assistant moderators, contact Doug B; Conference is going to be GREAT this year!

8. **Plant tours update**
   Year 2017 schedule suggestions: 23rd Ave, Yuma, Payson, Big Park (Tyson Glock lead), Flagstaff

9. **AZ Water calendar.** Need to coordinate with all the activities; make sure Debbie is aware of activities, get on calendar on website

Next meeting: April 26, 2017 – noon at MCESD