MEETING MINUTES

AZ Water Association Wastewater Treatment Committee

April 26, 2017; noon - 1 p.m.
Maricopa County Environmental Services Department – 2nd floor conference room
1001 North Central Avenue; Phoenix

Participants:  Jesus Angulo, Doug Berschauer, Barry Carroll, Nathan Ellis, Karla Guerra, Jason Joynes, Bill Kenning, Doug Kobrick, Dean Moulis, Hector Ortiz, John Pinkston, Zac Sharp, Jeff Tilleman, Manthou Tsiouris, Mike Weber, Gary Whitten, Jerome Yontz

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1. Member news.  Doug Berschauer has a new employer – Parametrix engineers.  Hector Ortiz is now with the Town of Buckeye.  Congratulations Doug and Hector!

2. Upcoming AZ Water conference.  At the time if the meeting, the AZ Water Conference was upcoming.  The Wastewater Treatment Committee was very well-represented on the conference program and in the preparations for this year’s event.  Doug Berschauer and many other committee members led the operating training tracks. The Meter Mania event originally pioneered by Jesse Black has grown each year and will be a big feature of this year’s event.

As part of our school outreach, we had 130 students from Payne Junior H.S. in Queen Creek coming to the conference on Thursday and 30 students from Carl Hayden H.S. coming on Wednesday.  We needed volunteers to assist in chaperoning the groups, and many members volunteered to help including Jerome Yontz, Zac Sharp, Doug Berschauer, Hector Ortiz, and Jason Joynes.

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. Mentor Bank.  Noah Adams of ADEQ has offered to send out our information to everyone to his operators listserv list.  We need to get his a revised flyer without some much contact information and he will get it distributed.  Doug Kobrick needs to take care of revising the flyer, Bill Kenning will coordinate with Noah.
6. **Plant tours update.** Jim Huchel from Flagstaff has offered to have tours at both of their plants during July. Doug Kobrick will work on getting the Northern Gila County Sanitary District (Payson) lined up for August. Tyson Glock offered to set up a tour at Big Park DWWID south of Sedona. Liberty Water’s recently upgraded facility in Goodyear is another possibility.

7. **Lunchtime technical seminars.** Jason Joynes offered to host one of these, for Central AZ operators, at the Town of Florence, targeting September for this event. Karla Guerra offered the Glendale West Area WRF for later in the year as well.

8. **Operator training.** Gary Whitten will be reactivating this effort. A re-kickoff meeting needs to be held [we failed to make this happen in May].

    Jeff Tilleman reiterated his previous offer to provide hands-on I&C training for operators, using Rosendin’s training facilities. Matt Tsiouris offered that EIC could assist with electrical/I&C training as well.

9. **Webinars.** Doug Kobrick will work on getting Ron Latimer of Hazen and Sawyer lined back up. We need to come up with several additional webinar topics for this year.

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

Next meeting:  May 24, 2017 – noon at MCESD