



**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Water Quality Standards Task Force
January 17, 2019**

A meeting of the Water Quality Standards Task Force ("Task Force") of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District's ("CAP" or "CAWCD") Board of Directors was called to order by co-Chairs Alexandra Arboleda and Terry Goddard on January 17, 2019, at 12:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the Central Arizona Project, 23636 North Seventh Street, Phoenix, Arizona, in the Board Room.

Task Force members present were Co-Chair Alexandra Arboleda, Maricopa County, Co-Chair Terry Goddard, Maricopa County; and Jim Hartdegen, Pinal County.

There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance.

Staff Members present were Ted Cooke, General Manager; Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Director of Public Affairs; Suzanne Ticknor, Director of Water Policy; Kim Grouse, Senior Attorney; Ken Seasholes, Manager of Resource Planning and Analysis; Patrick Dent, Manager of Water Control; Megan Casey, Public Affairs Management Analyst; Jennifer Miller, Board Support Specialist; and Leslie Olsen, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 1, 2018 MINUTES OF THE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS TASK FORCE - ARBOLEDA/GODDARD

On a motion (Board Member Hartdegen) and a second (Board Member Goddard), the approved the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Water Quality Standards Task Force. Motion passed.

Voting yes: Arboleda, Goddard, Hartdegen

2. REVIEW OF THE APPROVED JUNE 7, 2018 CONSENSUS PROPOSAL FOR WATER QUALITY STANDARDS - SEASHOLES

Ken Seasholes, Resource Planning and Analysis Manager, presented an overview of the consensus proposal and noted the central role of the delivery standards and the role of the Stakeholder Group. He noted that the proposal adopted a comprehensive approach that includes monitoring, modeling, data sharing, project evaluation and design, numeric standards, project approvals along with enforcement.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON DELIVERY AND INTRODUCTION STANDARDS FOR A BROAD SUITE OF WATER QUALITY CONSTITUENTS - DENT

Patrick Dent, Water Control Manager, discussed the development of an expanded set of numeric water quality standards for a broader suite of constituents. He reported that a Water Quality Working Group was formed to review each constituent and their individual standards.

Mr. Dent shared that the group came up with a philosophy for the numeric criteria to maintain a consistent delivery supply of the CAP water and acknowledged that some mixing and blending would occur as water supplies were being introduced. He said the objective was to maintain a water supply that the end users would receive that is consistent with what they have seen historically in terms of water quality. He also reviewed the new standards table that CAP samples on a quarterly basis.

Several individuals submitted public testimony:
Brian Beisemeyer, Water Resources Director of City of Scottsdale, spoke in support of the motion, stating that the results from the Task Force are positive.

Peter Mock, Hydrologist representing the Gila River Indian Community, stated that he felt that a good workable process had been reached, and the hard work has yet to come for CAP staff.

Melody Lawyer, Planning Administrator for Tucson Water, spoke in support of the motion, stating that Tucson Water looks forward to assisting CAP for laying out the program and details.

Wally Wilson, Water Resource Manager for Metro Water District and on the behalf of the Southern Arizona Water Users Association, spoke in support of the motion, expressing gratitude for being able to participate in both the Stakeholder Group and working group that followed.

Warren Tenney, Director of Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, spoke in support of the motion, and expressed gratitude to the Task Force and staff that participated in getting to this point and their willingness to stay at the table and keep talking until all found something that worked. He added that the cities of AMWUA will continue to work with CAP staff as on the next steps.

On a motion (Board Member Goddard) and a second (Board Member Hartdegen), recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Proposed Numeric Criteria for a Broad Suite of Water Quality Constituents. Motion passed.

Voting yes: Arboleda, Goddard, Hartdegen

4. NEXT STEPS

Chair Arboleda stated that, after reviewing the objectives that were set for the Task Force, the Co-Chairs believe that the adoption of the expanded list of numeric criteria successfully completes the work of the Task Force. She expressed appreciation to staff and stakeholder for the commitment of time and effort. She invited Mr. Dent to discuss the implementation work and next steps.

Mr. Dent presented the expansion of the existing CAP water quality monitoring program and the further development of implementation guidelines by establishing procedures and practices of monitoring and reporting. He noted that the Bureau of Reclamation will engage with their consultation process with the Tribes and CAP will support the process as needed. He also discussed the newly formed Water Transmission Group at CAP. Mr. Seasholes reviewed the process that will take place to allow non-project water into the CAP system going forward.

Jim Beadnell, Bureau of Reclamation, discussed the next steps for the Bureau, which include a tribal consultation process. He indicated that the development of the expanded list of standards was a positive step, and that Reclamation would continue to work with CAP staff to further refine the standards and processes as necessary.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No additional public comment.

6. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.



Alexandra Arboleda
Co-Chair



Terry Goddard
Co-Chair