

**LAIAG (Local Area Impact Assessment Group) Meeting**  
**Douglas**  
**06/22/06**

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Lupe Perez, City of Willcox  
Alan Seitz, Farmer/Sunsites  
Richard Searle, Cochise County Board of Supervisors  
Susan Pater, UA Cooperative Extension  
Paul Newman, Cochise County Board of Supervisors  
Homer Hansen, Willcox Playa Watershed Partnership Initiative

1. Steering Group Update - The Steering Group has been appointed by the Cochise County Board of Supervisors. Representatives include: Mike Ortega, Stephanie Smallhouse, Tedd Hass, Alan Seitz, and Richard Searle. There is still room for more appointees. Interested people should give applications to Richard Searle.
2. Impact Reporting - Alex needs some help with the software for the clickable boxes, so we will start with a paper version of the reporting form. Discussion followed on the form & 10 digit HUC map. One problem with the form is that there is no baseline reporting of initial condition (poor - good). From then on, trend indicators will work. There is also no indication on the form for frequency of reporting. A date space needs to be included on the form. The Monitoring Technical Committee meets on a monthly basis (4th Friday). Reporters would need to have the form in by Monday of that week. Email should be used as a reminder with the form attached. An "initial" form with instructions needs to be developed. The form is currently geared toward non-urban - need to develop some indicators toward urban (gallons/day pumping; well depth; water table; gauge value of education & conservation - average use over time - historical; report production levels & water table to ADWR on yearly basis, information is collected daily or weekly and compiled monthly - need to find out what is collected by water companies & cities; what about small H2O companies (30-40 homes); need to look at long term records that cities have; question how far back do we need records & exactly what we want? ADWR has a form (Mike & Lupe will provide a copy of the form), look at energy consumption? Terry Davis (ADWR) selecting wells to look at trend in water levels to propose for ground water monitoring. USGS - Blake Thomas for Middle San Pedro. The sheet is much better & usable, move toward on-line system. Jacque has a 12 digit HUC map; a grid needs to be put over the Willcox Playa watershed to make it smaller.
3. Identify Reporters - AGFD, water companies, FS, BLM, State Land, NRCD's, USGS, NRCS, Walnut Gulch, GLOBE, NGO's (look for baseline inventory of who is collecting information already). Help recruit rainfall monitors, identify gaps (AZMET - Paul Brown, 4-H kids, schools).

4. Workgroups and Roles - There was discussion on whether there should be a work group on policy. It was decided that all members and work groups be aware of policy impediments as we go through process; the steering group will keep a list; each work group has a steering group member on it so the information should flow back and forth.

Monitoring Working Group

Stephanie Smallhouse - Lead

Mary McCool

Tedd Haas

Drought Response Working Group

Richard Searle - Lead

Carl Robie

Carmen Miller

City of Tombstone? (Pat Kelly - Public Works)

Alan Seitz

(Need water provider involvement)

Outreach/Education Working Group

Homer Hansen - Lead

Mike Ortega

Water Wise Staff

5. Other Discussion

- We remain in a declared drought, but no specific "stage" of drought will be declared. The maps from the Monitoring Technical Committee do relate back to the stages listed in water publication that was handed out.
- Who is going to enforce drought response measures? If the County declared an emergency, then they could have some enforcement role and could "rule" by declaration. It would depend on how the declaration is worded. Santa Cruz County did a this a couple of years ago. We need to see if that would be helpful, make any difference and how it would work (Mike Evans will check into this). Would the Arizona Corporation Commission be able to do something with the small water companies?
- The Cochise County LAIAG can identify unmet needs and forward them to the Interagency Coordinating Group. The state is not going to do everything listed (in the water publication that was handed out) and has no enforcement powers to do so.
- The first ADWR progress report to the Governor is due in November.

6. Future Meeting Dates - The next meeting will be September 7, 1-3 p.m. in Benson.

The Steering Group met immediately following the LAIAG meeting.

- Richard Searle is Chair of the Steering Group.
- Homer Hansen and Jacque Zamora are interested in being appointed to the Steering Group.
- The Steering Group will meet in Sunsites on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30 a.m. to plan the agenda for the September LAIAG meeting.
- Each working group should meet before the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and report back.
- Monitoring - how to recruit, resources for reporters, keep pushing for form, i.d. reporters