

MINUTES OF THE MOHAVE COUNTY
LOCAL DROUGHT IMPACT GROUP AND STEERING COMMITTEE
October 15th 2008
Kingman, Arizona

1. Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Byron Steward at 1:00 pm., at the Saguaro A Room, Mohave County Administration Building, 700 W. Beale Street, Kingman, Arizona. The following members were present:

George Seidich, City of Kingman
Amanda Kaufman, Brown Drilling
Doyle Wilson, City of Lake Havasu City
Mike Gross, Rancher
Zelda Wright, Mohave County Improvement District
Melanie Ford, ADWR
Jeanne Kentch, CBWCD
Gary Sims, Self
Mike Crimmins, University of Arizona
Dan Ferguson, University of Arizona
Earl Englehardt, NAWAC
Ron Bowen, Self
Jack Hommel, So Hi DWID
Jim Kanelos, SVS
Larry Jensen, NWS
Dennis Steele, LHC
Bobbie Wood, Valley Pioneers Water Co
Linda Reddick, Water Shed Stewart
Kevin Davidson, Mohave County Planning and Zoning
Elno Roundy, NWAZ Watershed Council
Jeanne Carco, Citizen
Ernie Wescott, Havasu Heights Water District
Claudia Wescott, Havas Heights Water District
Betty Tannery, Havasu Heights Water District
John Hazen, Havasu Heights board member
Jana Selk, Citizen
Mike Flynn, Self
Rob Grumbles, University of Arizona
Byron Steward, Mohave County Emergency Management
Liz Durst, Mohave County Emergency Management

2. Introductions.

Roundtable introductions were given by the attendees.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Jeanne Kentch moved to accept the minutes as written, Mike Gross seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed with no discussion.

4. Update on Bylaws and Goals and Objectives.

The bylaws were reviewed and a modification made to pg 6 sec 3. Prior to this meeting the Board of Supervisors had approved a recommendation from Byron Steward to revise Article V, Section 3 to allow special meetings to be scheduled in lieu of, as well as in addition to, regular meetings at the request of the Chairperson or (4) Committee members. It was agreed that three working groups will be established: Monitoring, Outreach and Mitigation. Workgroup leader selection will take after interest is established.

5. Arizona Department of Water Resources Update.

6. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Steering Committee.

Amanda Kaufman was nominated as Chairperson. Mike Gross moved to accept the nomination, Jeanne Kentch seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Duties of the Chairperson were reviewed.

Jeanne Kentch was nominated as Vice Chairperson. Mike Gross moved to accept the nomination, George Seidich seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The workgroups were outlined and sign up sheets made available. Melanie Ford explained the history on drought impact groups. Background information was given.

7. Arizona Drought Impact Reporting System Workshop

Michael A. Crimmins, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor/Climate Science Extension Specialist

Department of Soil, Water, and Environmental Science

The University of Arizona

A computer lab was set up and Michael Crimmins presented the AzDIRS. The project was funded through NRCS and took two years to complete. Attendees were invited to access the system as the presentation was given. The website was built to collect impact information and to compliment the national monitoring system by using observations of local conditions. Monthly status maps are created for the State using the information submitted. An overview of drought impact reporting was given as well as examples of drought impacts.

8. Call to the Public.

None.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned by Amanda Kaufman at 3:00 p.m.