

## Meeting Notes

### Regulations and Permitting Working Group

Blue Ribbon Panel on Water Sustainability

Friday, February 5, 2010, ADEQ, Phoenix, Room 1475

1. Chair Ron Doba called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Co-chair Tom Buschatzke introduced himself. Chair Doba summarized goals and schedule of the full Blue Ribbon Panel and identified the 5 working groups formed under the Panel and their chairpersons. This is the first meeting of any of the working groups.
2. Chair Doba reminded attendees of the objective of the working group, which is to identify regulatory impediments and make recommendations to streamline the use of reclaimed water with respect to four focus areas:
  - Revisions to BADCT for sewage treatment plants
  - Changes to reclaimed water standards, monitoring, and allowable end uses
  - Changes to ADEQ and ADWR permitting processes
  - Gray water recommendations
3. The attendees went around the table to introduce themselves, including 3 on conference call (see attached attendance list). Chair Doba asked them to indicate their main interests in regard to the objective of the working group.
4. ADWR's website is the official posting site for the Blue Ribbon Panel, including working group meeting announcements, agendas, meeting notes, etc. Michelle Moreno at ADWR ([mamoreno@azwater.gov](mailto:mamoreno@azwater.gov)) will be maintaining the website, as well as a list of interested persons for each working group, including this one. Please forward names of persons indicating an interest in a working group to Michelle.
5. In order to foster open discussion, attendees agreed that meeting notes for the meetings would be concise, would emphasize action items, and would not include name attribution of participants offering items of discussion or opinion.
6. Chair Doba reviewed the handouts provided by ADWR, which consisted of ADEQ rules for:
  - BADCT for Sewage Treatment Facilities (R18-9-B201 through B206)
  - Direct Reuse of Reclaimed Water (R18-9-701 through 720), and 3)
  - Reclaimed Water Quality Standards (R18-11-301 through 309).
7. A decision was made to meet once a month at ADEQ on the 4th Wednesday of the month. It was decided that the meetings also should be longer to accomplish more during each meeting. Kym Holloway ([holloway.kym@azdeq.gov](mailto:holloway.kym@azdeq.gov)) will schedule meeting rooms at ADEQ for the next six months.
8. Subgroups: No decision was made as to whether four subgroups should be formed, one for each of the four focus areas, or whether fewer are needed. Based on interest and subject matter, it is possible that only two subgroups may be needed by combining BADCT with reclaimed water standards, and permitting with gray water.
9. Chair Doba expressed his desire that the subgroup dealing with BADCT take ownership of technology issues.
10. Flag issues that have an interconnection or overlap with the other working groups.
11. The working group needs to explicitly examine coordination and conflicts with all other permitting programs, AZPDES/NPDES being mentioned by more than one attendee.
12. Other states with significant reclaimed water programs should be looked at so as not to reinvent the wheel.
13. Is there a need for educational presentations at the next meeting, for example, water-energy nexus?
14. The relevance of gray water to this working group was discussed. It was decided to keep it in.

15. Impediments to increased safe use of reclaimed water were discussed as well as “annoyances” in achieving that goal. Co-chair Buschatzke ([tom.buschatzke@phoenix.gov](mailto:tom.buschatzke@phoenix.gov)) asked participants to email him their list of impediments and annoyances within two weeks. The compilation of all the lists will provide a basis for developing solutions within the subgroups to addressing the impediments and annoyances.

16. Co-chair Buschatzke also asked attendees to send him any links to background information that might be useful to working group members.

17. Chair Doba asked all attendees to indicate on the sign-in sheet as they leave or contact him by email ([doarv@bv.com](mailto:doarv@bv.com)) as to which of the four potential subgroups they wish to participate on. He will look that list over and decide whether we should have four or fewer subgroups.

18. Future meetings will be for four hours. The first two hours will be for subgroup meetings. The last two for the main working group. Kym Holloway will schedule three additional meeting rooms at ADEQ into the future to ensure that all working groups are accommodated.

19. Chairman Doba adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.