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AGENDA

**GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
December 21, 2006 (Thursday) 2:30 P.M.
(or immediately following the ACOG Board of Director's Meeting)**

ACOG CONFERENCE ROOM
21 EAST MAIN, SUITE 100, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Roll Call
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ([Attachment III](#))

Action Requested: Motion to approve minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting.

IV. STAFF REPORT

- 1. **Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan** – A five-year statewide water planning effort starts in 2007, and the Oklahoma Councils of Governments will be an integral part of the structure. Staff will give an overview of what is to come.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

- 2. **Drought Update** – A quick review of the drought status in Oklahoma.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

- V. PROGRESS REPORT ([Attachment V](#))
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 16, 2006

The ninth regularly scheduled meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the calendar year 2006 was convened on November 16, 2006 in the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Board Room, 21 E. Main Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held as indicated by advance notice filed with the Oklahoma County Clerk and by notice posted at the ACOG offices at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

PRESIDINGCITY/AGENCY

Hon. John Brown, Councilmember

City of Piedmont

POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENT

Hon. Philip Shirey, Councilmember

City of Bethany

Hon. Grant Hedrick, Commissioner

Canadian County

Hon. Dave Howe, Councilmember

City of Choctaw

Hon. Ken Bartlett, Councilmember

City of Del City

Hon. Marianne Yarbrough, Trustee

Town of Forest Park

Hon. Doug Hehn, Councilmember

City of Guthrie

Hon. Gordon Jeney, Councilmember

City of Harrah

Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner

Logan County

Hon. Margaret Graham, Councilmember

Town of Luther

Hon. Russell Smith, Mayor

City of Midwest City

Hon. Kathy McMillan, Councilmember

City of Moore

Hon. Keith Bryan, Councilmember

City of Mustang

Hon. Kathy Walker, Councilmember

City of Nichols Hills

Hon. Jim Pumphrey, Councilmember

City of Nicoma Park

Hon. David Hopper, Councilmember

City of Norman

Hon. Willa Johnson, Councilmember

City of Oklahoma City

Hon. Marsha Jefferson, Mayor

City of Spencer

Hon. Scott Symes, Mayor

City of The Village

GUEST

Bill Dalke, Community Planner

Tinker Air Force Base

ACOG STAFF PRESENT

POSITION

Zach D. Taylor	Executive Director
John M. Harrington	Division Director, Water Resources
Jane Sutter	Division Director, IGS
Debbie Cook	Director of Finance and Budget
Doug Rex	Assistant to the Executive Director
John G. Johnson	Legal Consultant
Don Bown	Consultant
Jerry Church	Communications Programs Coordinator, IGS
Ellen Owens	Division Secretary, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson John Brown called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m., noting that a quorum was present.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The aforementioned guest was present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2006 meeting. Director Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Brown, Shirey, Hedrick, Howe, Bartlett, Yarbrough, Hehn, Jeney, Sharpton, Graham, Smith, McMillan, Bryan, Walker, Pumphrey, Hopper, Johnson, Jefferson, and Symes

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2007

Director Pumphrey made a motion approve the proposed 2007 meeting schedules for both the Garber-Wellington Policy Committee and the Garber-Wellington Technical Committee. Director Symes seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Brown, Shirey, Hedrick, Howe, Bartlett, Yarbrough, Hehn, Jeney, Sharpton, Graham, Smith, McMillan, Bryan, Walker, Pumphrey, Hopper, Johnson, Jefferson, and Symes

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

V. STAFF REPORT

1. East El Reno Well Field – John Harrington gave a brief presentation on the El Reno Well Field. He commented that last summer he had spent time in the field with the resistivity unit and wanted to emphasize that a lot of dry holes can be eliminated by using this machine. He said that in 2003, El Reno spent about \$4 million drilling 22 dry holes. He said the ratio between dry wells and producing wells is very poor. Mr. Harrington said that several people in Canadian County have asked him to work for them as well. He indicated that he will be working at Thunderhead Hills and he will be looking for salt water contamination. He said he plans to start working there in January or February.

2. Drought Update – Mr. Harrington commented that the central Oklahoma region is still at 61% of precipitation. He said that Atoka and the southeastern part of the state is about normal. The reservoir situation has not decreased but has leveled out. He said that the northwest part of the state has virtually no soil moisture at all. He said this is reflecting to some extent what we are seeing in our reservoirs right now.

Mr. Harrington commented that at the Governor's Water Conference he talked to several people on well fields in the Garber aquifer and no one has noticed any static water level decreases. He indicated that he will be doing statistical work in January to see if we are over the edge. He said that generally, as a drought progresses, the first year it affects the farmers, the second year the surface water reservoirs are begin to show the affects of the drought. Usually groundwater begins to be affected the second or third year. He said he expects to see groundwater level decreases within the next six months.

VI. PROGRESS REPORT

There was no discussion of the Progress Report at the meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Director Hopper informed the Committee that last week the State Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the statute that said that the Arbuckle-Simpson could not sell their water rights until they did a 100 year recharge study. Mr. Harrington said that he

was not aware of that. Mr. Harrington did indicate that we are still in the process of the 100 year recharge study. Mr. Taylor commented that he believed they were seeking an injunction against the completion of the study and that the Court ruled that the study had to be completed. Mr. Harrington said that we have to decide whether we are a riparian state or an appropriations state. He indicated that right now there is almost a dual system which is in conflict. He said there is some lower court movement now that will probably reach the Supreme Court in the next year or two and that will probably bring the State back to a simplified appropriations system.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director McMillan seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO Garber-Wellington Policy Committee
FROM: John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources
DATE December 21, 2006
RE; Progress Report

Staff has received comments on the Cottonwood Creek pathogen model and the Deep Fork pathogen model. The report is undergoing much review and refinement of the model is ongoing, especially in light of the present pathogen TMDL issues.

Staff attended the Governor's Water Conference and presented to the Central Oklahoma Water Resource Authority last month.

Staff submitted comments to ODEQ concerning the North Canadian River TMDL. Staff recommended that the study be labeled preliminary until modeling issues are resolved.

Staff reviewed Canadian River dissolved oxygen model to understand impact of new beneficial use designation of Warm Water Aquatic Community on the discharge permits in the watershed. Desktop models for Noble and Mustang will also be reviewed.

Staff reviewed preliminary field work and field checked line locations for Thunderhead Hills resistivity program.