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AGENDA

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
April 26, 2007 (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 March 29, 2007 meeting.

IV. STAFF REPORT

A. **Are Our Wells Running Dry?** – Let's look at the data on the Garber-Wellington aquifer and where the real concern should be!

Action Requested: None, for information only.

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

Action Requested: None, for information only.

C. **Legislation Update** – A review of the water-related bills that are getting attention from our legislature.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

V. PROGRESS REPORT (Attachment V)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 29, 2007

The third regularly scheduled meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the calendar year 2007 was convened on March 29, 2007 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.

PRESIDING	CITY/AGENCY
Hon. John Brown, Councilmember	City of Piedmont

POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENT

Hon. Dave Howe, Councilmember	City of Choctaw
Hon. Rusty Sullivan, Commissioner	Cleveland County
Hon. Ken Bartlett, Councilmember	City of Del City
Hon. Saundra Gragg Naifeh, Mayor	City of Edmond
Hon. Marianne Yarbrough, Trustee	Town of Forest Park
Hon. Gordon Jeney, Councilmember	City of Harrah
Hon. Ray Poland, Councilmember	Town of Jones City
Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner	Logan County
Hon. Margaret Graham, Councilmember	City of Luther
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. Jim Roth, Commissioner	Oklahoma County
Hon. Larry Kesler, Councilmember	Town of Union City

GUESTS

Mary Murphey, Administrative Assistant	Logan County Commissioner's Office
Joe Blough	Oklahoma County
Carol Cline, Special Project Coordinator	Oklahoma County

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
John G. Johnson	Legal Consultant
Jerry Church	Communications Programs Coord., IGS
Ellen Owens	Division Secretary, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Brown called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m., noting that a quorum was present.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The aforementioned guests were present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Pumphrey made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting. Director Kesler seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Brown, Howe, Sullivan, Bartlett, Naifeh, Yarbrough, Jeney, Poland, Sharpton, Graham, McMillan, Bryan, Walker, Pumphrey, Hopper, Johnson, Roth, and Kesler

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. STAFF REPORT

A. Geophysical Programs – Mr. Harrington spoke of the three geophysical projects he is currently working on in El Reno, in Edmond at Thunderhead Hills, and in Yukon. He indicated that the salt water contamination found at Thunderhead Hills is the result of small, old pits, that two have been found and there may be more. He said that some illegal wells have also been found. Mr. Harrington said that Oklahoma City has asked him to look at the Majestic Heights area north of Yukon. He commented that water wells have been going dry there and after testing the area, it was found that the wells have fractures.

B. Drought Update – Mr. Harrington said that southeastern Oklahoma has had the driest March on record. He said that we are currently on the dry side of normal and indicated that spring should have normal precipitation.

C. Legislative Issues – Mr. Harrington suggested the Committee watch the progress of Senate Bill 288 which is formally establishing a linkage between surface water and ground water that is not on a sole source aquifer. He said this is bad news for anyone who is a proponent of ground water rights in western Oklahoma.

V. PROGRESS REPORT

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed at the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Garber-Wellington Policy Committee

FROM: John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources

DATE: April 26, 2007

RE: Progress Report

Staff is attending State Water Plan meetings with the Department of Commerce.

Staff is continuing the Thunderhead Hills geophysical field work. More saltwater pits have been delineated. The report is in preparation.

Staff is conducting a geophysical survey in the Majestic Heights neighborhood to assess the groundwater capacity in the neighborhood. Survey located a drillable fracture.

Staff is conducting a geophysical survey near 119th and Council Rd to assess the groundwater capacity in the neighborhood. Survey located a drillable fracture.

Staff reviewed Canadian River dissolved oxygen model and submitted another report (March 2007) for the expansion of the Mustang plant from 1.50 to 2.00 mgd. Model has now been expanded to account for less ammonia in the effluent.

Staff is reviewing surface water models for Oklahoma City planning report to analyze options regarding future sites or increasing present capacities.