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Garber-Wellington Association*

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Executive Director
Zach D. Taylor

AGENDA

**GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
January 25, 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 December 21, 2006 meeting.

- IV. STAFF REPORT
 - A. **Legislative Issues** – Only eleven water-related bills have been introduced to the state legislature thus far this session, ranging over a wide variety of topics. This is down from forty-six bills last year. Staff will discuss some of the more interesting bills. ([Attachment IV](#))

Action Requested: None, for information only.
 - B. **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

December 21, 2006

The ninth regularly scheduled meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the calendar year 2006 was convened on December 21, 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. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner, Acting Chairperson	Logan County
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POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENT

Hon. Ken Bartlett, Councilmember	City of Del City
Hon. Julie Rozsypal, Councilmember	City of El Reno
Hon. Marianne Yarbrough, Trustee	Town of Forest Park
Hon. Jon Gumerson, Mayor	City of Guthrie
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. David Hopper, Councilmember	City of Norman
Hon. Sam Bowman, Councilmember	City of Oklahoma City
Hon. Stan Inman, Commissioner	Oklahoma County
Hon. Larry Kesler, Councilmember	Town of Union City

GUESTS

Carol Cline, Special Project Coordinator	Oklahoma County, District 1
Pam Wendt, Office Manager	Oklahoma County, District 1
Bill Dalke, Community Planner	Tinker Air Force Base

ACOG STAFF PRESENTPOSITION

Zach D. Taylor	Executive Director
John M. Harrington	Division Director, Water Resources
Jane Sutter	Division Director, IGS

Debbie Cook
Doug Rex
John G. Johnson
Jerry Church
Ellen Owens

Director of Finance and Budget
Assistant to the Director
Legal Consultant
Communications Programs Coord., IGS
Division Secretary, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Sharpton called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 Hopper made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting.
Director Bryan seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Sharpton, Bartlett, Rozsypal, Yarbrough, Gumerson, Graham, Smith, McMillan,
Bryan, Hopper, Bowman, Inman, and Kesler

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Harrington briefly mentioned the two earthquakes that took place in the ACOG region. He said they were not significant, measuring only 2.6 and 2.7 on the Richter Scale.

1. Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan – John Harrington gave a presentation on the Oklahoma State Water Plan. He said the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) has received funding from the State Legislature for a Statewide Water Plan similar to the Texas Water Plan. He indicated that the Simpson-Arbuckle water crisis in 2003 prompted us to begin the process of statewide water planning on a much more intensive level than before. The principals involved will be OWRB, the COG's, and the Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute. He said the OWRB wants neutrality in getting stakeholders together and to have a consensus among the population.

Mr. Harrington commented that there is not a lot of good information about the State's water resources. Most water wells don't have meters on them and there are only estimates on how much water is being used. He said that good process leads to decision support and that means involving the stakeholders and the regional COG's, with participation during the planning process and after the Plan. He said that the stakeholder groups that are formed during the process of doing this Plan should become semi-permanent groups as has been done in the State of Texas.

Mr. Harrington said that the process would begin with forty statewide listening sessions and that the COG's will be involved in arranging those sessions. He indicated that there will be eleven vetting sessions, one per each regional planning COG. There will be planning workshops, town hall meetings, feedback sessions to present the Plan and then the final Water Plan. The estimated cost of the Plan will be \$3 million and it should be completed by July, 2011. He said that OWRB is asking the COG'S to help assess the capacity and condition of the water supply systems to implement improvement plans and projects. Mr. Harrington indicated that one of the things to be done is inventory water treatment facilities, capacities, treatment levels and other information to determine where the funding needs to go.

Mr. Taylor said that, in all likelihood, we will be under contract with OWRB and we will also want to engage Committee members in identifying primary stakeholders in addition to the major water users in each city.

2. Drought Update – Mr. Harrington gave a very brief update on the drought situation. He said the week's rainfall brought us up to 70% of normal, but we are still below where we should be. Since this time last month, our reservoir status has gone up almost 10%.

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

Director Hopper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Yarbrough seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Introduced - Bills for the 50th Legislature (2007-2008)

Measure	Intro Date	Short Title	Author(s)
HB1031	2/5/2007	Waters and water rights; authorizing creation of citizens lake committees; creating Task Force on Oklahoma Hydropower; codification; emergency.	Reynolds(H)
HB1047	2/5/2007	Waters and water rights; increasing membership of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; effective date.	Cannaday(H)
HB1050	2/5/2007	Water and water rights; prohibiting the Oklahoma Water Resources Board from issuing certain water permits in certain watershed area; emergency.	Cannaday(H)
HB1079	2/5/2007	Waters and water rights; increasing membership of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; effective date.	Renegar(H)
HB1080	2/5/2007	Waters and water rights; prohibiting the Oklahoma Water Resources Board from issuing certain water permits in certain watershed area; emergency.	Renegar(H)
HB1081	2/5/2007	Waters and water rights; authorizing rural water district boards to charge an amount for certain purpose; emergency.	Shoemake(H)
HB1276	2/5/2007	Scenic Rivers Commission; appropriation; purpose; budgetary limitations; effective date; emergency.	Benge(H), Crutchfield(S)
HB1279	2/5/2007	Oklahoma Water Resources Board; appropriation; purpose; budgetary limitations; effective date; emergency.	Benge(H), Crutchfield(S)
HB1280	2/5/2007	Oklahoma Water Resources Board; appropriation; purpose; budgetary limitations; effective date; emergency.	Benge(H), Crutchfield(S)
SB75	2/5/2007	Waters and water rights; modifying violations of groundwater laws. Emergency.	Gumm(S)
SB88	2/5/2007	Rural water districts; authorizing board to levy fee for certain purpose. Emergency.	Lerblance(S)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Garber-Wellington Policy Committee
FROM John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources
DATE January 25, 2007
RE: Progress Report

Staff submitted the final Cottonwood Creek pathogen model and the Deep Fork pathogen model to EPA for review.

Staff reviewed Canadian River dissolved oxygen model and submitted a report for the expansion of the Mustang plant from 1.50 to 2.86 mgd.

Staff started the Thunderhead Hills field work.

Staff is reviewing field trip information for next month's Stream Team conference on Crutcho Creek.