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AGENDA

**GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
January 31, 2008 (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 29, 2007 meeting.

IV. STAFF REPORT

A. State of the Aquifer
Staff report on drilling activity and water quality in the Garber-Wellington aquifer in 2007.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

B. Legislative Update
Staff report on proposed amendments to the state statutes concerning well interference protests.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

C. Drought Update
Staff report on changes in our weather

Action Requested: None, for information only.

V. PROGRESS REPORT ([Attachment V](#))

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 29, 2007

The ninth regularly scheduled meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the calendar year 2007 was convened on November 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

Hon. Russell Smith, Mayor

CITY/AGENCY

Midwest City

POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENT

Hon. Shawn Davis, Trustee	Calumet
Hon. Larry Goeller, Councilmember	Choctaw
Hon. Ken Bartlett, Councilmember	Del City
Hon. Wayne Page, Councilmember	Edmond
Hon. Julie Rozsypal, Councilmember	El Reno
Hon. Bill Lisby, Councilmember	Harrah
Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner	Logan County
Hon. Kathy McMillian, Councilmember	Moore
Hon. Keith Bryan, Councilmember	Mustang
Hon. David Hopper, Councilmember	Norman
Hon. Sam Bowman, Councilmember	Oklahoma City
Hon. Scott Symes, Mayor	The Village

GUESTS

Mary Murphey, Administrative Assistant

Logan County Commissioner's Office

ACOG STAFF PRESENT

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
Doug Rex
Jerry Church
Ellen Owens

Legal Consultant
Division Director, TPDS
Communications Program Coordinator, IGS
Division Director, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Smith called the meeting to order at 2:20 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 Sharpton made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2007 meeting. Director Rozsypal seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Smith, Davis, Goeller, Bartlett, Page, Rozsypal, Lisby, Sharpton, McMillan, Bryan, Hopper, Bowman, and Symes

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. PROPOSED GWTC AND GWPC MEETING SCHEDULES FOR 2008

Director Sharpton made a motion to approve the proposed 2008 meeting schedules for both the Garber-Wellington Policy Committee and the Garber-Wellington Technical Committee. Director Bryan seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote

AYE: Smith, Davis, Goeller, Bartlett, Page, Rozsypal, Lisby, Sharpton, McMillan, Bryan, Hopper, Bowman, and Symes

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

V. STAFF REPORT

Canadian River Sampling Project – John Harrington informed the Committee that the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) ODEQ is mandating a new wasteload allocation for municipal treatment plants at the beginning of the next permit cycle. This will mean a costly sampling and wasteload modeling effort. A regional approach is the most logical and least costly for the municipalities affected. Staff is researching costs and logistics for this effort, which must be scheduled for July.

Mr. Harrington said that in 2003 there were fish kills in the Minco and Purcell areas. He indicated that the Canadian River was thought to be a habitat-limited river. He said the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) investigated the variety and number of fish in the N. Canadian River and found that it was not a habitat-limited fishery, but a warm-water fishery. The OWRB changed the beneficial use designation on the river segments from Minco to Purcell, a 65 mile stretch of river. This prompted the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) to look at the permits.

Mr. Harrington said the dissolved oxygen (DO) criteria that should be maintained in the river is four in the spring and three in the summer and winter. He said those numbers should be raised one part per million DO more. He mentioned that discharging into the river will create a DO sag. In other words, what is put into the river will flow down the river. He said that when the DO disappears, fish can't breathe. Mr. Harrington said that now that the DO standards are raised, treatment plans will either have to clean up more so as not to get below standard, or don't discharge as much effluent.

Mr. Harrington said that to determine effluent chemistry for dischargers, a new water chemistry study on the river must be conducted. He indicated that it will be done either next summer or one summer between now and five years because permits are renewed every five years.

Mr. Hopper asked if the project will be done through ACOG. Mr. Harrington replied in the affirmative. Mr. Taylor said that ACOG has a history of performing wasteload studies on all the major water bodies of the region. He said that this issue requires a regional effort to upgrade our results because of changes with the state. He said that ACOG will work with each entity's staff and their consultants to come up with a methodology that will be coordinated with ODEQ to make sure that it is approvable and then decide the most equitable way to divide the cost. Mr. Harrington indicated that he is planning to have a Request for Proposal (RFP) some time in December and would like to have the RFP's out and selected a consultant by late in February. He estimated that the estimated cost of the project will be about \$340,000.

VI. PROGRESS REPORT

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed at the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Lisby seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Garber-Wellington Policy Committee
FROM: John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources
DATE: January 25, 2008
SUBJECT: Progress Report

Staff has prepared and submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the Canadian River sampling project for Summer 2008. Deadline for RFP is February 15.

Nitrate loading research project is continuing – statistical models are being developed.

Staff is reviewing plans for potential aquifer test project east of Lake Draper. Staff has prepared a proposal for legislative review.

Workplans for new 604(b) projects were accepted by OSE and EPA.

QAPP for the 06 604(b) project has been submitted to OSE. QAPP for the 2007 El Reno Wellfield survey is in preparation.

Staff attended brownfields grant writing seminar and wrote a brownfields grant for new Thunderhead Hills project.

Staff will be presenting a geophysics paper at the Oklahoma Groundwater Conference in February.

Staff is attending the Water Supply Working Group meetings for central Oklahoma.