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Nicoma Park Councilmember

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Executive Director
Zach D. Taylor

AGENDA

**GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
March 30, 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 February 23, 2006 meeting.

IV. STAFF REPORT

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

Action Requested: None, for information only.

B. **Results of the 2005 ACOG Pathogen Study** – Staff will present the preliminary results of the 2005 Pathogen study. Staff will also review the coming public meetings and comment period on the 2003 North Canadian Pathogen project.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

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

MINUTES

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 23, 2006

The second regularly scheduled meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the calendar year 2006 was convened on February 23, 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. Dave Howe, Councilmember

City of Choctaw

Hon. Sandra Gragg Naifeh, Mayor

City of Edmond

Hon. Jon Gumerson, Mayor

City of Guthrie

Hon. Jim Dickinson, Councilmember

City of Harrah

Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner

Logan County

Hon. Margaret Graham, Councilmember

Town of Luther

Hon. Kathy McMillan, Councilmember

City of Moore

Hon. Kathy Walker, Mayor

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. Jeff Davis, Councilmember

City of Piedmont

Hon. Scott Symes, Councilmember

City of The Village

Hon. Jeff Martinez, Councilmember

City of Warr Acres

Hon. Leslie Owens, Councilmember

City of Warr Acres

GUEST

Joe Blough, Deputy Commissioner, District 1

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
Doug Rex	Assistant to the Executive Director
John G. Johnson	Legal Counsel
Jerry Church	Communications Programs Coordinator, IGS
Ellen Owens	Division Secretary, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Brown 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 Pumphrey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting. Director Hopper seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Brown, Howe, Naifeh, Gumerson, Dickinson, Sharpton, Graham, McMillan, Walker, Pumphrey, Hopper, Johnson, Davis, Symes, Martinez, and Owens

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. STAFF REPORT

John Harrington gave a brief update on the drought situation. He displayed a graph of the current reservoir levels and commented that the Canton Reservoir levels had gone up over the past week but all others are level or dropping. He indicated that Lake Atoka had dropped two percent in the last week. He said the situation is gradually getting worse. Mr. Harrington said the interval from September 2005 to February 2006 is the second driest since 1921 and that the last 30 day period is the 12th driest. He also said that central Oklahoma is now in the moderate drought category.

Mr. Taylor said that the City Managers in the metropolitan area meet on a monthly basis. He indicated that ACOG met with them briefly at their last meeting, about the reconnaissance work that Mr. Harrington has done to assess what the conditions are and what the predictions are for the spring, which indicate that central Oklahoma may be entering into a seven year drought cycle. Mr. Taylor said the full subject of the March meeting of the metropolitan managers will be to look at what should be done if these conditions continue. This would involve coordination of public information related to drought and water conservation. He said that each community in the water system is unique and that what is required in drought conditions varies from community to community, based on the amount of water reservoir they have, the amount they have in storage, the amount that their systems can pump, and what the nature of water usage is in each community. He said that all of these things mean that there is no uniform system for developing water conservation techniques. There is, however, a way to simplify getting information for the public.

Director Brown asked if there were a system in place to monitor the Garber-Wellington during drought conditions. Mr. Harrington yes, that there are driller's reports which the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) mandates drillers to file as wells are drilled. Mr. Harrington said there is a water bill in front of the state legislature which strengthens well drillers requirements. He said that if there is an egregious act by which there is a violation of state law by a driller, the OWRB can confiscate and sell the equipment of the driller.

Mr. Harrington said there are 45 water bills before the state legislature, which is almost double the norm. He said there is a Master Water Plan in front of the House and Senate, a new Flood Plain Management Act, and the Oklahoma River will be extended to cover the entire River. Director Pumphrey said he would like to see support for Senate Bill 1293. He said this bill would allow a wastewater operator to act as a circuit rider. Mr. Harrington said this would be helpful to small towns that cannot afford their own flood plain administrator.

Director Brown asked how Garber-Wellington officially supports the Bill relating to the Statewide Water Plan. Mr. Taylor said ACOG has worked with the Water Board staff for a number of years to move this forward. Director Brown indicated he had spoken with two senators, who feel this has a good chance of passing. Jane Sutter said this is alluded to in the state legislative issues in a general way, and commented that there could be a specific resolution on that specific piece of legislation.

V. PROGRESS REPORT

There was no discussion of the Progress Report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Director Howe commented that there are people in the Choctaw community that are concerned about recharge and discharge from the Garber as well as from home wells. In order to answer those problems, Mr. Harrington was invited to give a briefing to the concerned citizens of Choctaw. Director Howe complimented Mr. Harrington on the job he did indicating that the Choctaw community was well satisfied with his presentation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Joyner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Hopper seconded the motion; the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Garber-Wellington Policy Committee
FROM: John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources
DATE: March 30, 2006
RE: Progress Report

Staff is presenting talks concerning drought preparedness to various interested groups. Members have included presentations to the councils of Choctaw and Slaughterville.

Staff is presenting a paper on resistivity techniques to the Oklahoma Groundwater Association meeting this month.

Pathogen sampling project has concluded. Staff has finished data report. Staff currently is working on HSPF model for TMDL calculations and finishing final report due April 13.

Staff will be participating with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality on public meetings concerning pathogen TMDLs on the North Canadian River next month.

Staff is participating in preparing a Stream Restoration Conference with INCOG, OSU, and the Office of the Secretary of Environment. Tentative date is in November, with the conference site at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City. Crutch Creek will be a focus during the conference.

Comments were received and evaluated on the Draft DO TMDL report on the North Canadian River. Revised document sent to the Office of Secretary of Environment on November 7 for EPA review and approval.

The SuperSting resistivity unit was delivered to ACOG October 31. Preliminary field-testing will start in April.