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*association of central oklahoma governments
Garber-Wellington Association*

Chair John Brown
Piedmont Councilmember

Vice-Chair Jim Pumphrey
Nicoma Park Councilmember

Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Jefferson
Spencer Mayor

Executive Director
Zach D. Taylor

AGENDA

**GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
May 25, 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 both the March 30 and the April 27, 2006 meetings.

- IV. ELECTION OF GWA OFFICERS ([Attachment IV](#))

INFORMATION: The Nominations Committee met to consider nominations for the officers of the GWA. Their recommendations are included in Attachment IV.

Action Requested: Motion to approve the Nomination's Committee recommendation for the election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Garber-Wellington Association

- V. STAFF REPORT

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

Action Requested: None, for information only.

B. A Geophysical Survey of the El Reno Well Field - ACOG staff purchased an earth imaging device to detect locations suitable for drilling water wells in alluvial aquifers. Staff will review the encouraging first applications of this new device.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

C. **Legislative Issues** – Staff will update on the remaining water legislation for this session.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

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

MINUTES

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 30, 2006

The third regularly scheduled meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the calendar year 2006 was convened on March 30, 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

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| Hon. John Brown, Councilmember | City of Piedmont |
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POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENT

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| Hon. Dave Howe, Councilmember | City of Choctaw |
| Hon. Ken Bartlett, Councilmember | City of Del City |
| Hon. Saundra Gragg Naifeh, Mayor | City of Edmond |
| Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner | Logan County |
| Hon. Margaret Graham, Councilmember | Town of Luther |
| Hon. Eddie Reed, Mayor | City of Midwest City |
| 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. Leslie Owens, Councilmember | City of Warr Acres |

GUESTS

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| Mary Murphey, Administrative Assistant | Logan County Commissioner's Office |
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ACOG STAFF PRESENTPOSITION

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| 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
Don Bown
John G. Johnson
Jerry Church
Ellen Owens

Assistant to the Executive Director
Consultant
Legal Counsel
Communications Programs Coordinator, IGS
Division Secretary, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Brown called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m., noting that a quorum was present.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The aforementioned guest was at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Willa Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting. Director Pumphrey seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Brown, Howe, Bartlett, Naifeh, Sharpton, Graham, Reed, McMillan, Walker, Pumphrey, Hopper, Johnson, Davis, Symes, and Owens

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. STAFF REPORT

A. Drought Update

John Harrington informed the Committee that the central Oklahoma region had its driest winter on record. He said that the region needs significant rainfall to get the area up to normal levels. He indicated that southeast Oklahoma has gone from severe drought to mild drought, while the four state area of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona are in the stages of dry to extreme drought. He said the little rain received in the last month increased reservoir capacity to over 80%, but we are still in a drought condition.

B. Results of the 2005 ACOG Pathogen Study

Mr. Harrington said a pathogen study was done last summer. He said data was collected from Cottonwood Creek, the Deep Fork Basin, and Spring Creek. He commented that the pathogen count at Spring Creek needs to be reduced by about 97% or two orders of magnitude. This is endemic across central Oklahoma in general. He indicated the numbers

for the N. Canadian River are similar. He said that pathogens are a serious issue and said that on April 10th, there will be a public meeting in El Reno on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study. He said that the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) will be proposing the 97% reduction as an official TMDL for the N. Canadian River.

Mr. Taylor asked if the reductions will be achieved by urban stormwater controls or sewer plans. Mr. Harrington commented that he had read an article whereby environmental groups in Atlanta forced industry to start taking samples of their outflows to reduce pathogens and said that the onus was on the industries. He said that he would be looking for cross-connects between sewage and stormwater systems as a means of contributing pathogens to a stream. He said that this will probably be something that will eventually be in the stormwater permits, as well as Best Management Practices (BMP).

Mr. Taylor asked if ODEQ and EPA will want to make the discharge permit more stringent. Mr. Harrington replied they will not do that right away. He said that Mark Derschweiler of ODEQ would like to first use BMPs in order to achieve reductions. He said they would also try to track the sources of contamination. Commissioner Sharpton asked if more rain would clean it up. Mr. Harrington indicated that more rain would not. He said that storm surges actually increase the numbers of pathogens.

Director Pumphrey referenced the sampling point at I-35 and said that there is no one dumping into that area at that sampling point. He said that Edmond has the Spring Creek lift station which is downstream from the sampling site. As a result, he said that all the pathogen levels have to be naturally occurring or from a septic tank somewhere. Mr. Harrington said that in the area there is the Thunderhead Hills community and there are large numbers of new homes in that area. The sources could be people's pets. He said there are probably no point sources in that watershed.

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

MINUTES

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 27, 2006

The fourth regularly scheduled meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the calendar year 2006 was convened on April 27, 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.

PRESIDING

CITY/AGENCY

Zach D. Taylor

Executive Director, ACOG

POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENT

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| Hon. Grant Hedrick, Commissioner | Canadian County |
| Hon. Dave Howe, Councilmember | City of Choctaw |
| Hon. Ken Bartlett, Councilmember | City of Del City |
| Hon. Julie Rozsypal, Councilmember | City of El Reno |
| Hon. Doug Hehn, Councilmember | City of Guthrie |
| Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner | Logan County |
| Hon. Margaret Graham, Councilmember | Town of Luther |
| Hon. Eddie Reed, Mayor | City of Midwest City |
| Hon. Keith Bryan, Councilmember | City of Mustang |
| 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 |

GUESTS PRESENT

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| Bill Dalke, Community Planner | Tinker Air Force Base |
| Mary Murphey, Administrative Assistant | Logan County Commissioner's Office |

ACOG STAFF PRESENT

POSITION

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| John M. Harrington | Division Director, Water Resources |
| Jane Sutter | Division Director, Intergovernmental Services |
| Debbie Cook | Director of Finance and Budget |

Doug Rex
John G. Johnson
Jerry Church
Ellen Owens

Assistant to the Executive Director
Legal Counsel
Communications Programs Coordinator, IGS
Division Secretary, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Zach Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., noting that a quorum was present, but there was no Chairperson present.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The aforementioned guests were present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Since a Chairperson was not present, approval of the minutes of the March 30, 2006 meeting was postponed until the May meeting.

IV. STAFF REPORT

A. Drought Update

John Harrington gave a brief update on the drought situation. He said the drought is now in a four state area. He said that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting a very dry summer for central Oklahoma – 40% less rain than is normal, with the period of March 1, 2006 through the present at 52% of normal. He indicated that the past seven months have been the driest on record. He said that even though there has been rainfall in the last two weeks, we are still in severe drought. Mr. Harrington commented that Lake Atoka is still at only 50% capacity.

B. Stormwater and the Pathogen TMDL

Mr. Harrington mentioned that there was a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) meeting in El Reno on April 10 with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). He said about 30 to 40 people attended, most of whom were Stormwater Manager's from Phase I and II cities. He said the comment period for the TMDL has expired. He commented that ODEQ will ask for Best Management Practices (BMP's) from Phase I and II cities, as well as elicit discharge information and cross-connects between storm sewers and septic tanks.

Mr. Harrington said that monitoring of pathogens will be necessary. He said the cost will be about \$3,000 per monitoring station per year during the summer months. He informed the Committee that there is a regulatory format in order to prove streams are conforming or not conforming. This would involve weekly sampling from May 15th to October 1st.

Director Hopper asked if the drought and the resulting increase in water demand was the main cause of the recent water main break? Mr. Harrington replied that he did not think demand was involved, but perhaps because it has been so dry, there has been ground shift. Director Hopper also asked if there has been discussion of a regional water rationing plan? Mr. Harrington replied that there was a Drought Awareness Meeting on April 7th. He said that he and Jerry Church are working on that plan. He said that right now it will not be region-wide, but he would be monitoring what cities are doing to conserve water. Mr. Taylor said that Mr. Harrington and Mr. Church will present the results of the first phase of their work at the next meeting.

Director Bryan asked what was happening regarding the recharge to the Garber-Wellington. Mr. Harrington responded that, so far, he has not seen anything alarming. However, he said that while he is not worried about the Garber, he is worried about the wells that are tapping into the alluvial terrace. He said the North Canadian River is very low and they have not had a storm surge in over six months. The storm surges cause the recharging of the alluvial aquifers. He said he is more worried about domestic water supplies rather than municipal supplies.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Garber-Wellington Policy Committee

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

DATE: May 25, 2006

SUBJECT: Garber-Wellington Association Officers

The Nominations Committee has met and made the following recommendations related to Garber-Wellington Association officers:

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| Chairman | John Brown |
| Vice-Chairman | Jim Pumphrey |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Marsha Jefferson |

MEMORANDUM

TO: Garber-Wellington Policy Committee
FROM: John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources
DATE: May 25, 2005
RE: Progress Report

Staff is currently doing field work in the El Reno well field, testing out the earth imaging machine and evaluating the lease. Preliminary results from the new machine are quite encouraging.

Staff participated with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality on the first public meeting concerning pathogen TMDLs on the North Canadian River in El Reno. Final TMDL determination will be late summer.

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.