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AGENDA

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE

November 29, 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 September 27, 2007 meeting.

- IV. PROPOSED GWTC AND GWPC MEETING SCHEDULES FOR 2008 ([Attachment IV](#))

Action Requested: Motion to approve the proposed 2008 meeting schedules for GWTC and GWPC.

- V. STAFF REPORT

Canadian River Sampling Project - 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.

Action Requested: None, for information only.

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

MINUTES

GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 27, 2007

The eighth regularly scheduled meeting of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the calendar year 2007 was convened on September 27, 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.

PRESIDENTCITY/AGENCY

Hon. John Brown, Councilmember

Piedmont

POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENT

Hon. Roger Malone, Councilmember

Choctaw

Hon. Larry O'Connell, Councilmember

Del City

Hon. Dan O'Neil, Mayor

Edmond

Hon. Marianne Yarbrough, Trustee

Forest Park

Hon. Bill Lisby, Councilmember

Harrah

Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner

Logan County

Hon. Margaret Graham, Councilmember

Luther

Hon. Russell Smith, Mayor

Midwest City

Hon. Kathy McMillian, Councilmember

Moore

Hon. Kathy Walker, Councilmember

Nichols Hills

Hon. David Hopper, Councilmember

Norman

Hon. Gary Marrs, Councilmember

Oklahoma City

Hon. Earnest Ware, Mayor

Spencer

GUESTS

Hon. Rod Cleveland, Commissioner

Cleveland County District #1

Hon. Jeff Landrith, Mayor

Mustang

Mary Murphey, Administrative Assistant

Logan County Commissioner's Office

Shannon Sharpton

Citizen

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
Doug Rex	Division Director
Jerry Church	Communications Program Coordinator, IGS
Ellen Owens	Division Director, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Brown called the meeting to order at 2:55 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 August 16, 2007 meeting. Director Sharpton seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following vote:

AYE: Brown, Malone, O'Connell, O'Neil, Yarbrough, Lisby, Sharpton, Graham, Smith, McMillan, Walker, Hopper, Marrs, and Ware

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. STAFF REPORT

State Water Plan – John Harrington remarked that the comment period for the State Water Plan would end in November 2007. He said he did not receive any response on the surveys but he has prepared a comment letter to the state incorporating the comments from the public meetings he attended over the summer. He said that the Oklahoma water law covers both surface water which is a public right and ground water which is a property right. He commented that, if the trends of other states are followed, the ground water right will probably be eroded in some form. Mr. Harrington said that the State Water Plan has to move forward but must address the issue that the ground water law will be diminished and that there needs to be some compensation for allowing what was a property right to be infringed upon.

Mr. Harrington said that regarding water conservation, there is no market for reused treated water. These markets need to be developed and there is a need for financial incentives for that.

Mr. Harrington brought up the subject of domestic and residential water wells. He said that currently, when a title transfer takes place on a residence with a potable water supply, testing is done for fecal coliform. He indicated that testing should also be done for nitrates, which are very common in our water supplies. He said he feels that an educational program needs to be encouraged and funded and that it should be a statewide effort.

Director Walker asked if every community in the ACOG area has abandoned wells. Mr. Harrington replied in the affirmative and said that this is an endemic problem. Director Walker asked if the Public Works of each municipality has that information. Mr. Harrington indicated that we need to be more stringent about the record-keeping that well drillers provide. He also said that there is no paperwork on wells drilled before 1974, as it was not required.

Mr. Harrington said that education has been foremost in the Phase II Stormwater program. He indicated that most of the educational programs are being funded by fees levied on the population, but the state should provide education for water conservation.

V. PROGRESS REPORT

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Harrington briefly mentioned the Governor's Water Conference, which will take place on October 23-25, 2007 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Yarbrough seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 29, 2007

TO: Garber-Wellington Policy Committee

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

SUBJECT: Proposed GWTC and GWPC Meeting Schedules for 2008

INFORMATION:

Below are the Garber-Wellington Technical Committee (GWTC) and Garber-Wellington Policy Committee (GWPC) meeting schedules for Calendar Year 2008:

<u>GWTC</u>	<u>GWPC</u>
January 11, 2008	January 31, 2008
NO FEBRUARY MEETING	February 28, 2008
March 14, 2008	March 27, 2008
NO APRIL MEETING	April 24, 2008
May 9, 2008	May 29, 2008
NO JUNE MEETING	June 26, 2008
July 11, 2008	NO JULY MEETING
NO AUGUST MEETING	August 14, 2008
September 12, 2008	September 25, 2008
NO OCTOBER MEETING	October 30, 2008
November 14, 2008	November 20, 2008
NO DECEMBER MEETING	December 18, 2008

Proposed meeting time for the GWTC is 10:00 a.m. Proposed meeting time for the GWPC is 2:30 p.m., or immediately following the ACOG Board of Directors meeting. Meetings will be held in the ACOG Conference Room.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve the proposed 2008 meeting schedules for GWTC and GWPC.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 29, 2007
TO: Garber-Wellington Policy Committee
FROM: John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources
SUBJECT: Progress Report

ODEQ is mandating new sampling and modeling efforts on the Canadian River. Staff is researching costs and logistics for a sampling program next July.

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

Staff is reviewing plans for potential aquifer test project east of Lake Draper.

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

QAPP for the 06 604(b) project has been submitted to OSE.

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

Staff attended the Governor's Water Conference.