

**Dewey-Humboldt
Ground Water Advisory Committee (GRAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2008**

A meeting of the Dewey-Humboldt GRAC was held on Thursday March 27, 2008, at Town Hall at 2735 S. Hwy. 69, Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona at 10:00A.M. Chairman, Michael Randall presided. Members Jack Hamilton, Treesha deFrance, and Bob Bowman were in attendance. Len Marinaccio and Don Tebbe were absent.

Chairman, Michael Randall called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information was received that Norman Perry and Candy Lincoln had not been members for some time. They will not be listed on future agendas.

Bob Bowman moved to approve last months minutes- motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman, Michael Randall, proposed that the GRAC would hold regular monthly meetings at 10:00AM on the third Thursday of each month, at Town Hall. All committee members agreed that this was an advantageous time and place to meet. The Chairman explained that the reason the meeting was not held on March 20, 2008, was because Town Manager, William Emerson, instructed his staff to not post GRAC's agenda, in violation of Arizona Open Meeting Law (OML). Mr. Emerson claimed an unnamed authority told him that GRAC and EIAC were not official Town committees and that we would no longer be receiving any support from staff. Mr. Emerson ignored our repeated pleas to look up Resolutions 05-16 and 05-18 and refused to accept our explanation that the Town staff had been compliant with OML, since Town Attorney, Kenton Jones's legal opinion in February, 2007. Mr. Emerson encouraged us to continue our meeting even though we would be in violation of the OML. Chairman refused to call the meeting to order and we left the building.

NEW BUSINESS

The report on conservation by Len Marinaccio was tabled due to his absence. Bob Bowman discussed previous articles and research that had been published in the Town's GRAC newsletter. He also volunteered to edit future newsletters and will call for articles from the community and the committee regarding Town and water issues.

There was discussion regarding the advantages of metering and monitoring area wells for both quantity and quality of water. More research in this area is needed.

The use of low water usage plants and using gray water and rain water to help in conservation was also discussed. Again, more information will be gathered and shared in future meetings. Bob Bowman suggested that articles regarding these issues would be appreciated.

These news articles were reviewed:

- Sludge dumping near Ash Creek and its effect on the Aqua Fria River
- Meeting safe yields in county
- Using effluent on golf courses
- Colorado River water level dropping
- Hormone disruptors in water

Discussed possible recommendations to town council concerning:

- Grey water system
- Dual flush toilets
- Consider hot water re-circulation systems in new construction
- Research treatment standards for sewage plants
- Public education

Research is needed regarding the Town's liability for sewage or water system failures, should developers systems fail. More information is needed and will be discussed at the next meeting.

COMMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Jack Hamilton will request from Town staff, all previous agendas, minutes and all other records pertaining to GRAC. He will also research specifications on membrane technology for waste treatment plants, and write an article for Bob Bowman on why citizens need to be part of the Gila River W-2 adjudication.

Bob Bowman will research and provide the historical aspects of GRAC for a permanent committee record.

Michael Randall will research the possibility of the Town receiving grants to assist current homeowners in retrofitting their homes to be more water conserving.

Len Marinaccio will report on water conservation techniques.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:10p.m.

Jack Hamilton
SECRETARY OF GRAC