



REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008**  
**TOWN OF STAR VALLEY – FREEGARD RANCH**  
**STAR VALLEY, ARIZONA**

M I N U T E S

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Heron called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Heron led the Regional Council, guests and CAAG staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Members Present:** Mayor Chuck Heron, Supervisor Lionel Ruiz, Supervisor Joe Sanchez, Vice Mayor Gail Barney, Mayor Bob Jackson, Councilmember Edward Farrell, Councilmember Mike Vogel, Mayor Michael Hing, Mayor Fernando Shipley, Mayor Chuy Canizales, Vice Mayor Jon Thompson, Mayor Byron Jackson, Councilmember Rick Dietz, Vice Mayor Tom Smith

**Members Absent:** Mayor Monica Badillo, Mayor Debra Sommers, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Craig Williams

**Management Committee Present:** Debra Galbraith, Manny Gonzalez, Ruth Giese, Bob Flatley, Melanie Oliver, Jess Knudson

**Guests:** Kevin Adam, Paul Prechel, Aida Ruiz, Bob Johnson, Ken Volz, Barbara Hartwell, Chris Bentamil, Gary Coan, Ross Babcock, Franklyn Jeans, Robert Pizorno, Henry Thome, Barney Bigman, Fred Goldman, James Humble, Dan Schanamu

**Staff:** Maxine Leather, Craig Ringer, Cathy Melvin, Peter Armenta, Bill Leister, Vickie Smith, Roy Chavez, Cindy Schofield, Andrea Robles

## IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

## **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

## **VI. CONSENT ITEMS**

Supervisor Sanchez made a motion to accept the consent agenda items. Supervisor Ruiz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The Regional Council minutes from June 13, 2008 were approved under the consent agenda item VI.

### **B. Financial Report**

The unaudited financial reports ending June 30, 2008 were approved for filing under the consent agenda item VI.

## **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Brown provided an update on CAAG's work schedule. She stated that the 4 day work week was working well for staff and as long as there were no complaints CAAG would continue with the current schedule. Ms. Brown announced that Ms. Galbraith, Town of Payson and Mr. Wilkie, City of Casa Grande was elected as the officers for the Management Committee. In closing she announced that Mr. Ringer's department was awarded additional funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce in the amount of \$5,196 for outstanding performances. Ms. Brown introduced Mr. Adam who presented Supervisor Ruiz with a plaque thanking him for serving on the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC). Mr. Adam provided the Council with a brief update. This item was for information only.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Report on the Special Assessment Subcommittee Meeting held on August 13, 2008**

Ms. Brown informed the Council on the meeting held on August 13<sup>th</sup> in the Pinal County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room to discuss the Fiscal Year 2010 CAAG Special Assessment to fund the Planning Department. She stated the next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Pinal County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room. This item was for information only.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Confirm Regional Council Voting Membership**

Ms. Brown informed the Regional Council that all of the members have paid their general assessments. Councilmember Farrell made a motion to approve the Regional Council Voting Membership. Mayor Bob Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B. Confirm Economic Development District Board Members**

Mr. Ringer explained that the Economic Development District (EDD) Board Members needed to be confirmed once a year which takes place at the September meeting. The EDD Board consists of five individuals, who will review and take action on Economic Development District (EDD) issues only. Vice Mayor Barney made a motion to approve the Economic Development District Board Members. Mayor Byron Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. Review, Discussion and Decision on FY 2009 Method of Distribution**

Mr. Armenta stated each year it is a requirement, that the rural Councils of Governments (COG's) throughout the State of Arizona adopt a Method of Distribution (MOD) in order to receive CDBG funding from the Arizona Department of Housing. He stated that the MOD and Management Committees voted on equal distribution. Questions and discussion followed. It was requested for the record that a footnote be added to include the Town of Superior partnering with the Town of Miami. Supervisor Sanchez made a motion to equally distribute the FY 2009 CDBG funds. Mayor Shipley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAAG Strategic Plan 2008-2010**

Ms. Brown explained that the Management Committee recommended approval of the CAAG Strategic Plan 2008-2010 as presented. She further explained that the Management Committee also recommended and staff concurs, the document is a "living document" that is to be reviewed each January by a special Committee that convenes each year to make recommendations then will go to the Management Committee and Regional Council for a formal vote. Ms. Brown reviewed some of the highlights in the document. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Supervisor Sanchez made a motion to approve the CAAG Strategic Plan 2008-2010 as presented along with Management Committee's recommendation. Mayor Shipley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**E. CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (AWWQMP) Update Amendment for Gold Canyon Sewer Company Service Area Expansion**

**1. Review, Discussion and Decision on approving the above proposed amendment.**

Mr. Armenta stated that the Environmental Planning Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of the CAAG 208 Amendment for Gold Canyon Sewer Company Service Area Expansion, contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N). He explained that Gold Canyon Sewer Company has submitted an amendment to expand its service area. At buildout, the service area will include approximately 13,407 residents, on 4,935 acres. Comments, questions and discussion followed. Mr. Goldman, Mr. Humble, Mr. Jeans and Mr. Pizorno addressed the Council. Discussion followed. Councilmember Vogel made a motion to table item IX-E1&2 for four months unless both parties come to a conclusion before. Mayor Shipley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken-  
Supervisor Sanchez, Gila County – Yes  
Mayor Shipley, City of Globe – Yes  
Mayor Canizales, Town of Miami – Yes  
Councilmember Vogel, Town of Payson – Yes  
Mayor Chuck Heron, Town of Star Valley – Yes  
Councilmember Rick Dietz, City of Apache Junction – Yes  
Mayor Byron Jackson, City of Eloy – Yes

Vice Mayor Tom Smith, Town of Florence – Yes  
Vice Mayor Gail Barney, Town of Queen Creek – Yes  
Mayor Michael Hing, Town of Superior - Yes  
Supervisor Lionel Ruiz, Pinal County – No  
Vice Mayor Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge – No  
Councilmember Ed Farrell, City of Maricopa – No

The motion passed.

**2. Review, Discussion and Decision on accepting Resolution No. 2008-6 in support of the above proposed amendment.**

Item IX-E1&2 were tabled.

**F. CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (AWWQMP) Update Amendment for Desert Springs Utility Wastewater Reclamation Facility**

**1. Review, Discussion and Decision on approving the above proposed amendment.**

Mr. Armenta explained that the Environmental Planning Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for Desert Springs Utility Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF), contingent upon an issuance of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) by the Arizona Corporation Commission. He stated Desert Springs Utility has submitted an amendment for the construction of a new Wastewater Reclamation Facility. At buildout the facility will serve approximately 4,670 people on 1,658 acres. At buildout the capacity of the WRF will be 360,000 gpd. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Byron Jackson made a motion to approve the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for Desert Springs Utility Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF). Supervisor Ruiz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**2. Review, Discussion and Decision on accepting Resolution No. 2008-7 in support of the above proposed amendment.**

Mr. Armenta stated that the Environmental Planning Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of Resolution No. 2008-7, adopting the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for Desert Springs Utility Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Supervisor Ruiz made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2008-7 in support of the above proposed amendment. Mayor Byron Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. WIA Update**

Ms. Melvin provided a Power Point Presentation on the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program. She stated that Gila-Pinal and Pima County were the only two areas in the State to exceed all performance measures. This item was for information only.

**H. Planning Department Update**

Ms. Brown provided a brief update on CAAG's Planning Department. This item was for information only.

**I. Transportation Department Update**

Item IX-I was approved under the consent agenda item VI.

**J. Approval of Members of all CAAG Committees**

Item IX – J was approved under the consent agenda item VI.

**K. Election of Officers**

Mayor Byron Jackson nominated Mayor Heron for Chairman, Mayor Insalaco for Vice Chairman and Mayor Shipley for Secretary/Treasure. Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Barney made a motion to close and elect the nominees by acclamation. Supervisor Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**X. TRANSFER OF GAVEL**

**XI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Adam provided the Legislative Update under the Director's Report.

**XII. DATE-TIME-LOCATION**

The November meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008 in Queen Creek.

The January meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2009 in Apache Junction.

The June Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2009 in Payson.

**XIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the Call to the Public.

**XIV. CALL TO THE COUNCIL**

Mayor Hing updated the Council on the land exchange with Resolution Copper.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Ruiz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Heron adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_