



SEAGO

Section 208

Water Quality Management Plan

Addendum #1

Public Outreach
and
Responsiveness Report

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SECTION 1.0
PUBLIC HEARING RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

Section 1.1 – Public Hearings

SAFFORD

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM MST
Location: Safford City Annex
808 8th Street
Safford, Arizona 85548

Attendance:
Edwina Vogan, WQM Coordinator, ADEQ
Marie Freestone, Graham County Chamber of Commerce
Randy Heiss, SEAGO

HUACHUCA CITY

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2012
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM MST
Location: Huachuca City Community Center
200 Yuma Street
Huachuca City, Arizona 85616

Attendance:
Randy Heiss, SEAGO

NO FORMAL COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED NOR RECORDED

I, Randy Heiss; do hereby certify that the above is an accurate account of formal comments submitted to me during the SEAGO SECTION 208 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE public hearings held on the above dates, times and locations.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2012 in Bisbee, Arizona.



Randy Heiss, Executive Director
SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization

Section 1.2 – Other Comments

Comments Received Prior to 5:00 PM, MST Thursday January 19, 2012

NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments Received After 5:00 PM, MST Thursday January 19, 2012

From: Tricia Gerrodette [mailto:triciag2@cox.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 4:27 PM

To: Randy Heiss

Subject: Re: questions on 208 plan

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From: Randy Heiss [mailto:rheiss@seago.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 5:11 PM

To: 'Tricia Gerrodette'

Subject: RE: questions on 208 plan

Tricia,

Thanks for your review. You may send your comments all together or separately as you have begun to do. However, the reason I asked you to look at Chapters 1, 5, and 6 first is these are what really make up the plan – especially 5 and 6. We can make changes to the informational chapters *after* the Board approves it as these changes are administrative in nature. We will *not* be able to make changes to the strategic plan, goals, processes, etc., after the Board approves the plan without going through a significant level of cost and a plan amendment process. This is something I would really prefer to avoid. While the comments you have offered below are valuable, I would appreciate it if you would give me your comments on the recommended chapters first. **My initial responses to your comments thus far are below.**

Thanks again,

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The river does NOT support whooping crane, that should be sandhill crane. I'm checking with a fish expert on the fish species listed. *Susan Buchan authored this narrative. She did a good job overall, but we can insert improvements you have suggested.*

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The Babocomari River is misspelled many many times. There is a Babacomari Ranch and that is the legal spelling of the ranch's name. But the river is spelled Babocomari. *Good information. I never made that distinction between the two. And easily corrected.*

From: Tricia Gerrodette [<mailto:triciag2@cox.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 6:44 PM

To: Randy Heiss

Subject: Re: questions on 208 plan

Will do.

I remain completely puzzled by the population numbers. I recognize that the second table is a 20-year projection and you have to start with something. But why on earth start with a 2010 projection from 2006 numbers??? Why not start with real 2010 numbers and project from there?

From: Randy Heiss [<mailto:rheiss@seago.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 7:55 AM

To: 'Tricia Gerrodette'

Subject: RE: questions on 208 plan

It's not that simple. If you look at Table 3.4, you will note that Graham and Greenlee Counties are broken up into CCDs for the population projections. Graham County had five CCDs in the population projections, but the 2010 Census apparently merged them into four CCDs. I have no way to break that out in order to relate to the five CCDs from the AZ DES projections in the table. The same problem exists to some extent in the other counties. Even if I were to invest a few days in trying to do so, there would be little value in doing so since the result would have virtually no impact on protecting water quality in the region.

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From: Tricia Gerrodette [mailto:triciag2@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 4:53 PM
To: Randy Heiss
Subject: Fwd: RE: fish in San Pedro

Do you want to incorporate this info?

----- Original Message -----

Subject:RE: fish in San Pedro
Date:Tue, 14 Feb 2012 16:42:14 -0700
From:Simms, Jeffrey R <jsimms@blm.gov>
To:Tricia Gerrodette <triciag2@cox.net>

Tricia,

The list is not quite right – 13 species (Minckley 1987)

Longfin dace**
Colorado squawfish
Spikedace *
loach minnow*
Gila chub
Roundtail chub*
Razorback sucker
Desert pupfish+
Gila topminnow+
Desert Sucker**
Sonora sucker*
Flannel mouth Sucker
Speckled dace*

+ recently released to the San Pedro RNCA in Murray Spring

* still present in tributaries to the San Pedro (Aravaipa Creek & O'Donnell Cr)

** still present in San Pedro River

Minckley, W.L. 1987. Fishes and Aquatic Habitats *in*, Jackson et. al, Assessment of Water Conditions and Management Opportunities in Support of Riparian Values. BLM, Denver, CO

This publication can be found in the Sierra Vista Office.

Cheers

From: Tricia Gerrodette [<mailto:triciag2@cox.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 2:39 PM

To: Simms, Jeffrey R

Subject: fish in San Pedro

I'm looking at a document that lists the following species as having historically been dependent on surface flow in the San Pedro. Can you tell me how correct it is? Thanks.

Gila chub

Yaqui chub

Yaqui catfish

Yaqui topminnow

beautiful shiner

loach minnow

spikedace

From: Tricia Gerrodette [<mailto:triciag2@cox.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 4:51 PM

To: Randy Heiss

Subject: correction

Page 3-16, the second paragraph needs some fine-tuning on a couple of sentences. Here is what Dr. Bruce Gungle from USGS had to say. Not sure how you want to incorporate the information but that is your call.

To claim that there's a perennial reach that extends from Hereford to Fairbank is just plain wrong. The major perennial reach is from about a mile south of Rt. 90 (well short of Hereford, although there is a second, shorter perennial reach in the Hereford area unconnected to the longer Cottonwood-to-Lewis Springs-to-Charleston one) to about a mile north of Charleston (well short of Fairbank). Take a look at TNC's wet-dry map with the vertical blue bars; it captures the perennial reaches quite well.

The bedrock constriction near Charleston does ensure that little to no water is lost in that immediate area and may even push water from bank storage beneath and around the streambed into the river, but it does not likely influence the perennial portion of the reach further south. More likely, that is perennial as a result of a good connection between the regional and near-stream alluvial aquifers.

Have fun!

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To: 'Tricia Gerrodette'
Subject: RE: correction

Tricia,

Here's what I've come up with:

Paragraph 2 on page 3-16:

“The San Pedro River is perennial (flowing continuously all year) for approximately ~~36~~ **half** of the 62 river miles in the United States portion of the Upper San Pedro River Basin. **A major perennial reach is from about a mile south of State Route 90 to about a mile north of Charleston. There is a second, shorter perennial reach in the Hereford area. Perennial flow in the Charleston area is maintained by base flow produced by a bedrock constriction near Charleston. This constriction forces groundwater in the alluvial aquifer to discharge into the San Pedro River. Other perennial reaches result due to a good connection between the regional and near-stream alluvial aquifers. The perennial reach typically extends from Hereford, Arizona to a diversion dam about 5 miles south of St. David, Arizona.** Like many rivers in the southwestern United States, the San Pedro River has two major flow components: runoff and base flow. Runoff occurs after precipitation events or as result of snowmelt, and lasts a few days until all flow is either lost to outflow from the basin or to bank storage along river. The highest annual flows in San Pedro River and its tributaries occur between July and September, and are typically of short duration. Longer duration, lower-discharge peak flows occur in winter. Base flow results from the discharge of groundwater to the stream and sustains stream flow in dry seasons. ~~Perennial flow in the Hereford to Fairbank reach is maintained by base flow produced by a bedrock constriction near Charleston. This constriction forces groundwater in the alluvial aquifer to discharge into the San Pedro River.~~”

The third paragraph on the same page will be edited as follows:

“The San Pedro has no dams or irrigation structures, and is known as the last free flowing river in the Southwest. It has also been called “the most studied river in the US”, as perennial portions of the river support one of the most ecologically diverse regions in the world. The riparian and aquatic ecosystems of the San Pedro River support at least ~~16~~ **13** fish species, approximately 47 amphibian and reptile species, up to 84 mammal species, and over 400 bird species . The Canelo Hills Ladies’ tresses, Huachuca water umbel, bald eagle, ~~whooping~~ **sandhill** crane, cactus ferruginous pygmy owl, southwestern willow flycatcher, Sonora tiger salamander, Gila chub, ~~Yaqui chub, Yaqui catfish, Yaqui~~ **Gila** topminnow, ~~beautiful shiner~~, loach minnow and spikedace **are some of the species that** have historically been known to depend on surface flow in the San Pedro riparian areas .”

References will also change.

I also changed the spelling of Babocomari as it occurs using the find and replace function, and corrected the spelling of Aravaipa.

Thanks again,

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To: Randy Heiss
Subject: 208 plan comments

I kind of drafted the comments below as I worked my way through the document. Whew. I realize it's a lot and I thank you for at least considering the comments.

Overall, I tend to be more concerned with water use and quantity than quality and I recognize that quality is what the 208 Plan is about. I'm attaching a letter sent in to SEAGO almost 3 years ago by Audubon Arizona. Those concerns still exist, particularly with regard to the proposed use of treated effluent, but I see that only the Tribute plant is in this plan. I'm not sure what happened to the other 3 facilities in terms of planning.

I'm concerned with what appears to be circular logic to me in Section 1. The statement that "federal and state regulations require that certain proposed actions related to wastewater facilities must be consistent with the SEAGO 208 Plan" does not seem to provide any assurance that regulations must be followed, just that the proposed action be consistent with the plan. So the plan looks ahead to some actions and then something new that is proposed is consistent (doesn't need Consistency Review) but no regulations come into play?

Similarly, the statement that "expansion of a public wastewater treatment facility requires multiple public processes including....." does not appear to be true. I queried Sierra Vista's acting planning director about this and it doesn't appear that public hearings are a required component. So if the city (DMA) doesn't do it and SEAGO doesn't require it under 208 compliance, where is the public participation? [clip from e-mail:

Remind me, please, if there are required public hearings to approve spending the money to build Tribute Wastewater Treatment Plant or to do major upgrades to the existing facility. They're not necessarily out of general funds but the revenue funds or bonding, right? So I think public hearings aren't always required by law???

Tricia – No public hearings are required for these actions.

Thanks,

Don

Donald Brush, AICP

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At the bottom of page 1-3, the sentences about development of model ordinances "for consideration" "is recommended as a strategy" does not provide any assurance that either of those things will happen. What kind of commitment to follow through will there be? The same recommendation sentence appears multiple times in Section 1. If follow through on this is weak, how will 208 Plan compliance be proved?

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From: Randy Heiss [mailto:rheiss@seago.org]
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Subject: RE: 208 plan comments

Good Morning Tricia,

I apologize for not getting to this sooner. [Below are my responses to your comments.](#)

Thanks again for taking the time to review the proposed Plan update.

Best Regards,

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Audubon Arizona. Those concerns still exist, particularly with regard to the proposed use of treated effluent, but I see that only the Tribute plant is in this plan. I'm not sure what happened to the other 3 facilities in terms of planning. *I checked with ADEQ to see if any of the other facilities that were part of the 208 amendment that included the Tribute plant had been built. According to the permit records at ADEQ, neither the Section 36 facility nor the Bella Vista facilities have been permitted or built. The only thing on record are some stormwater pollution prevention permits for Bella Vista. Sierra Vista Public Works (Mike) could probably tell you when these facilities are scheduled to be built.*

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Similarly, the statement that "expansion of a public wastewater treatment facility requires multiple public processes including....." does not appear to be true. I queried Sierra Vista's acting planning director about this and it doesn't appear that public hearings are a required component. So if the city (DMA) doesn't do it and SEAGO doesn't require it under 208 compliance, where is the public participation? [clip from e-mail:

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I know and like Don, but I'm not sure he knows the scope of requirements beyond the local level for these things and overlooked at least one key item in his response. Proposed facilities (and significant modifications thereof) are required by regulation to demonstrate they are financially viable. To do this, the owner must demonstrate the ability to construct, operate and maintain the facility over its useful life. They must also demonstrate the ability to perform 'clean closure' on a facility that is decommissioned. All of this requires financing mechanisms for the construction of a proposed facility (grants, bonds, reserve funds, etc.), as well as adequate rate structures to fund the operations, maintenance and replacement of the proposed facility.

With respect to initial financing, all cities, towns and counties are required to publish their budgets or otherwise make them available to the public for review (<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/42/17103.htm&Title=42&DocType=ARS>). All of these public agencies are also required to hold at least one public hearing before the adoption of their final budgets (<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/42/17104.htm&Title=42&DocType=ARS>). These budgets would include capital improvements for the enterprise funds, any funds from bonds, and any funds from grants. So public hearings are in fact required to spend money on, for instance, the Tribute facility.

With respect to the rate structure to sustain the operations and maintenance of wastewater facilities, any proposed increases in water or sewer rates are required to undergo a public process. A rate analysis and justification for the rate increases is required by state law. This information is made available to the public by public notice, and after a waiting period, a public hearing is required. The law can be found at: <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/9/00511-01.htm&Title=9&DocType=ARS>. So even for rate increases to sustain wastewater operations and maintenance, a public process is required.

There may also be zoning requirements that come into play at the local level (not sure what the City's requirements are in this case).

Beyond the local level, public hearings are required at the ADEQ permitting level for any proposed facilities, significant modifications, and new subdivisions. This is determined by ADEQ on a case by case basis depending on the scope of a proposed project. For example, a permit for a car wash

proposing an on-site system of 10,000 gallons per day might not rise to the level of a public hearing. But the regulations require a public notice before the permit would be issued. If there was a significant reaction by the public to the public notice, ADEQ would schedule a public hearing to hear the public's concerns with the project. I've attached an example public notice that we received from ADEQ just last week.

Similarly, if a proposed project meets the criteria required for consistency review (see table 6.1), public review may also be required. Again, the level of public review will depend on the scope of the project and the reaction by the public. The public review criteria are contained in Table 6.2 on Page 6-4, and the level of public review in Table 6.3 on Page 6-5 (see also the related diagram in Appendix D on Page D-2). If I recall correctly individual notices to surrounding property owners (I believe up to 1 mile radius) and waivers are required in the permitting process for APPs and AZPDES permits for proposed wastewater facilities and significant modifications thereof. So, there appears to be abundant opportunities for participation in the public processes when wastewater facilities are proposed.

At the bottom of page 1-3, the sentences about development of model ordinances "for consideration" "is recommended as a strategy" does not provide any assurance that either of those things will happen. What kind of commitment to follow through will there be? The same recommendation sentence appears multiple times in Section 1. If follow through on this is weak, how will 208 Plan compliance be proved? If sufficient funding is available to us, we will have the resources to develop model ordinances for consideration by local jurisdictions. But as you point out, just because we may develop these, there is no assurance that local jurisdictions will find the political will to adopt them. We can recommend and encourage them to do so, but we cannot require them to do much of anything. Once again, the 208 Plan is not a regulatory document, but instead, it's a planning document, and SEAGO is not a regulatory agency, but a planning agency. Unfortunately, the level of follow through on any plan is dependent on the level of resources available to do so. In the case of this program, the funding is insufficient to support even ¼ of a staff position, and based on current financial conditions, it's unlikely we will be able to request supplemental funding from our member agencies for this program. The political climate in DC doesn't seem conducive to more federal funding for this program, so unless we are able to identify and acquire funds from a private source, follow through will probably not be very robust in most cases. I am open to any suggestions you may have that may abate this concern.

I commend your strategy 1.1.A to get a municipality to consider the need to be able to rescind capacity assurance. I think it's unlikely to happen but it's a good forward-thinking proposal. Thanks. I like this one too, but my favorite is the second tactic under Strategy 2.1.A., where repair or replacement of failing septic systems would be required. Concentrations of failing on site systems are probably the greatest threat to water quality at this time since wastewater facilities operating above the general permit level are fairly well regulated. As it stands, septic systems are virtually unregulated after the initial permit is issued. Until a system is inspected when the property changes hands, systems contaminating a water source could go undetected. This would take it one step farther and require the new owner to make repairs or replace the system within one year of purchasing the property.

Page 5-1, I'm skeptical of the statement that the ERC has private citizens concerned with water quality. The members pretty much appeared to be from various government agencies. I only saw one federal agency (Fort Huachuca) involved in this. Might others be appropriate, for example BLM or BOR, although I acknowledge funding and staffing may be an issue, as it seems to be for everyone these days. I believe there is a Watershed Stewards group of citizens in this area. *When Suzanne was here, we had discussions about engaging citizens to participate on the ERC. It's my understanding that many organizations such as TNC, the USPP, and others were invited to participate, but there wasn't a high level of interest or commitment. Once again, we can ask, but we can't force folks to participate. The USPP is on the ERC list, but they haven't participated in any of the telephonic meetings that I have held. We have had some good participation from Jan Holder from the Upper Gila Watershed Partnership and she remains on the ERC list. You seem to be fairly well connected in such circles and I would welcome anyone you suggest and will contact them if you provide their information.*

May I also suggest an ERC that's more specific to each area or county? I doubt if folks in Graham or Greenlee care much about wastewater efforts in Sierra Vista with their treatment plant. And likewise folks in Sierra Vista don't know or care much about Graham or Greenlee septic issues. It would be a larger database for SEAGO to maintain but perhaps participation would be better with more relevant local concerns being addressed. *I agree. And I also believe that local ERC member participation in review of a particular project proposal will naturally be from the membership within the area of the proposed facility or improvement.*

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Mike

The Current Average Flow shown for the SV EOP was the number the City provided for us early in the information gathering stages of the Plan update. That may have been an estimate, the Tribute facility may have been brought on line since then, or something else may have added to the inflows. I will update the figure in this table to reflect Mike's number above.

I want to make sure I understand Table 6.5 correctly. As I recall, Sierra Vista was proposing an immense (more than double) increase in their planning area, to cover a lot of unincorporated land. If developments in the unincorporated area are within 1-2 miles of sewer lines (depending on lot size and development size), they will be urged but not required to hook up to the sewer? *That's correct. Table*

6.5 is considered guidance only. However, proposed projects must be consistent with Table 6.4, Wastewater Treatment Options on Page 6-9.

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Section 1.3 – Public Hearing Summaries

Public Hearing for the SEAGO Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan Update

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

6:00 – 7:30 PM MST

Safford City Annex

808 8th Street

Safford, Arizona 85548

The public hearing was opened at 6:00 PM by Randy Heiss. Edwina Vogan from ADEQ attended the hearing but no members of the public were present at the time of opening. Marie Freestone arrived at 6:35 PM. Marie is the Executive Director of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce and also a Private Sector Representative of the SEAGO Executive Board. Randy explained the nature of the public hearing and gave a brief description of the proposed Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan Update. No other members of the public attended the hearing.

Public Hearing for the SEAGO Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan Update

Thursday, January 19, 2012

6:00 – 7:30 PM MST

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200 Yuma Street

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The public hearing was opened at 6:00 PM by Randy Heiss. No members of the public were present at the time of opening, and none arrived during the timeframe for the hearing. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 PM.

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for
SEAGO Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan Update

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PUBLIC NOTICES
ADDENDUM #1
PUBLIC NOTICE
 SEAGO 208 Water Quality Management Plan
 Public Hearings on the SEAGO 208 Water Quality Management Plan
 2011-2012
 The following dates, times, and locations were held for public hearings on the SEAGO 208 Water Quality Management Plan:
 Thursday, January 10, 2012, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Cochise County Community Center, 200 Yuma Street, Douglas, AZ 85607.
 Thursday, January 17, 2012, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Cochise County Community Center, 200 Yuma Street, Douglas, AZ 85607.
 Public hearings on the SEAGO 208 Water Quality Management Plan were held on the following dates, times, and locations:
 Thursday, December 1, 2011

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 My Commission Expires: *Dec. 11, 2014*

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SEAGO 208 Water Quality
 Management Plan
 Public Hearings on the DRAFT
 For Release to Arizona Govern-
 ment Organization (SEAGO)
 Section 208 Water Quality
 Management Plan will be held
 at the following dates, times,
 and locations: Wednesday,
 November 30, 2011, 6:00 PM,
 at the Grand Park Office
 800 North 1st Street, Clifton, Arizona
 85601. Hearings for the
 SEAGO 208 WQM Plan in the
 Phoenix, AZ, Community
 Center, 2001 Central Street,
 Phoenix, AZ, 85004. The
 purpose of the public hearing
 is to receive comments on the
 proposed draft of the SEAGO
 208 WQM Plan. The public
 hearing will be held from 6:00
 PM to 8:00 PM on the dates
 listed above. The public hearing
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 center located at 2001 Central
 Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.
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By *Shirley L. Rempel*

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Notary Public in and for the County of Graham, State of Arizona

My Commission Expires: *Dec. 11, 2014*

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Section 2.2 – Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearings on the DRAFT SEAGO Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at the Safford City Annex, 808 8th Street, Safford, Arizona 85548

Thursday, January 19, 2012, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at the Huachuca City Community Center, 200 Yuma Street, Huachuca City, Arizona 85616

The DRAFT Plan is now available for public comment. A copy of the DRAFT Plan is available on the SEAGO Web site at:

<http://seago.org/environment/PDFs/SEAGO%20208%20Plan%209.30.2011%20DRAFT.pdf> .

Individuals who wish to comment on this Plan are encouraged to attend the public hearings and/or to send written comments to Randy Heiss, Executive Director, at 118 Arizona Street, Bisbee, Arizona 85603; via fax at (520) 432-5858; or via e-mail at rheiss@seago.org . Comments must be received by January 19, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

A hard copy of the Plan is available for public inspection at the SEAGO offices, located at the above address. Additional copies are available for public inspection at public libraries in Bisbee, Safford, Clifton, and Nogales at the following addresses:

Cochise County
Copper Queen Library
6 Main Street/P.O. Box 1857
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Greenlee County
Clifton Public Library
588 Turner Avenue/P.O. Box 1226
Clifton, Arizona 85533

Graham County
Safford City-Graham County Library
808 7th Avenue
Safford, AZ 85546

Santa Cruz County
Nogales Public Library
518 N. Grand Avenue
Nogales, AZ 85621

Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations may contact Yolanda Urbina, Title VI Coordinator at (520) 432-5301 X 207 or yurbina@seago.org . Requests for copies of the Plan in an alternative format must be made at least two weeks in advance, or no later than January 4, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Section 2.3 – Public Notification Contact List

The following individuals and entities were notified regarding the proposed Plan update:

- Organizations serving Title VI (disadvantaged) protected populations. We have an e-mail distribution list that all public notices are sent to. The distribution list will be made available upon request.
- The SEAGO Environmental Review Committee (see ERC membership list in Section 3.0).
- The SEAGO Administrative Council (see AC membership list in Section 3.0).
- The SEAGO Executive Board (see EB membership list in Section 3.0).

SECTION 3.0
SEAGO COMMITTEES

Section 3.1 – Environmental Review Committee Membership

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
SEAGO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
SEABHS
611 W. UNION STREET, CONFERENCE ROOM 107
BENSON, ARIZONA
FEBRUARY 3, 2012**

- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Chair Steve Pauken, City of Bisbee
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terry Cooper, Graham County
Mary Dahl for Carlos Rivera, Santa Cruz County
Xenia Gonzalez for Curtis Shook, City of Douglas
M. C. Holliday for John Basteen, Town of Duncan
Patrick McCourt, City of Willcox
Marvin Mull, San Carlos Apache Tribe
Randy Petty for David Kincaid, City of Safford
Ray Pini, Town of Clifton
Glenn Nichols, City of Benson
Gerald Schmidt, Town of Pima
Jenifer Thornton for Chuck Potucek, City of Sierra Vista
Steve Troncale for George Barnes, City of Tombstone
Aaron White for Shane Dille, City of Nogales (on conference call)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Randy Heiss, Executive Director
Kathleen Heard, Area Agency on Aging Director
Akos Kovach, Economic Development Planner
Cindy Osborn, Accounts Manager
Julie Packer, Housing Programs Manager
Yolanda Urbina, Executive Assistant
Chris Vertrees, Transportation Planner/Pathways Program Mgr.
Bonnie Williams, Community Development Program Manager
- GUESTS:** Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation Advisory Council Liaison
Gary Clark, Douglas ARC

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Steve Pauken called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Gary Clark on behalf of the Douglas ARC's board and members presented Kathleen Heard with a plaque of appreciation for her help with persons with disabilities by improving their quality of life through independence. He added that the SEAGO region was very fortunate to have Kathleen's expertise.

MEMBER ENTITIES' DISCUSSION

Tombstone: Steve Troncale mentioned the Town's lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service regarding the restoration of the Town's aqueduct. **Bisbee:** Steve Pauken reported that he chose a public forum for his performance evaluation which turned out well.

ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the October 7, 2011, Minutes
- b. Ratification of Action by the Administrative Committee
- c. Approval of 2012-2016 TIP Amendment No. 3
- d. Approval of Revised Funding Allocations
- e. Advisory Council on Aging Membership
- f. Approval of Local SSBG Plan for SFY 2012-13

Steve Troncale made the motion and the second was made by Glenn Nichols to approve consent agenda items "a" and "b" with a statement to be added under the agenda item SEAGO Revolving Loan Fund Documents Approval that "Terry Cooper expressed his concerns prior to the meeting." The Administrative Council recommended to the Executive Board approval of item "c (a revised TIP was distributed), d, e, and f" listed above. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).

As a note, Kay Gale carried Terry Cooper's proxy and reported his concerns at the meeting. Terry had also spoken with Randy Heiss and Akos Kovach prior to the meeting. Chris Vertrees provided an updated TIP which included the amendments made at the January 25, 2012 TAC meeting and the inclusion of the Town of Pima's round 17 transportation enhancement project.

2. ACOA REPRESENTATION FROM NOGALES

Kathleen Heard reported that Dick Ohnstad had been nominated to fill the Nogales vacancy on the Advisory Council on Aging but was informed that he did not live in the Nogales city limits. Kathleen spoke with Mayor Arturo Garino and he recommended Luisa Masee the manager of Las Casitas de Santa Cruz to fill the vacancy. **Aaron White made the motion and the second was made by Mary Dahl to recommend approval to the Executive Board the nomination of Luisa Massey to the Advisory Council on Aging. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).**

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEAGO'S POLICY MANUAL

Randy Heiss informed members that many of the member jurisdictions work on Columbus Day and take the day after Thanksgiving in lieu of the holiday. In order to reduce the operating deficit (\$3,300 including entitlements with the holiday pay), Randy recommended the policy be amended to eliminate Columbus Day in October and observe the holiday on the day after Thanksgiving. **Gerald Schmidt made the motion and the second was made by Glenn Nichols to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to SEAGO's policy manual as recommended by staff to drop Columbus Day and in its place observe the day after Thanksgiving. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).**

4. APPROVAL OF SECTION 208 WQMP UPDATE

Randy Heiss reported that public hearings for the 208 Plan were held in Safford on **January 18** and in Huachuca City on **January 19**. One person attended in Safford and none attended in Huachuca City. He added that prior to the hearings he revised the Plan to eliminate consistency reviews for on-site wastewater treatment systems in response to Administrative Council level concerns. Under this revision, only systems with a combined capacity of 24,000 gallons per day will undergo consistency review. In order to track inventory and track concentrations of on-site systems, SEAGO will receive information from ADEQ from these systems to enter into a data base. **Jenifer Thornton made the motion and the second was made by Steve Troncale to recommend approval of the Section 208 WQMP Update. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).**

5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2012-01

Randy had given a PowerPoint presentation on the potential benefits of reestablishing the rail service to Naco, Arizona/Naco, Sonora at the October meetings of the Administrative Council and Executive Board. Both bodies did not express any concerns with his developing a resolution to support such a project and he asked approval of Resolution 2012-01. **Pat McCourt made the motion and the second was made by Glenn Nichols to recommend approval of Resolution 2012-01 to the Executive Board. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).**

6. CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS

Randy reported on SEAGO's financial statements regarding concentrations. Due to the decreases and discontinuance in the revenue sources from the Housing and Pathways programs, he asked for direction on how to reduce the indirect cost burden to the remaining program. He outlined two options: (1) incur an operating deficit between \$30,000 and \$60,000 annually and work toward acquiring new sources of grant funding or, (2) reorganization which includes reassigning Central Administration duties, reclassifying positions, or requiring programs to perform certain Central Administration duties. Decisions will be based on Central Administration services essential to the operation of the programs. **Pat McCourt made the motion and the second was made by Gerald Schmidt to look at incorporating long-term strategies over the course of two years, including reduction of deficit spending, reduction of actual expenditures within administration core costs and exploring new sources of revenue. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).**

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. FINANCE/AUDIT REPORT

Cindy Osborn reported that the draft of the FY 11 audit had been received. The final audit will be available at the Executive Board meeting on **February 17**. She added that there were three findings: (1) the trial balances were not available therefore the audit took longer, (2) the housing monies were booked improperly, and (3) the billings were not based on general ledger reports.

2. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Randy included dates for the next Administrative Council meetings. Next year, the February meeting will be changed by one week due to the conflict with the ACMA meeting in Sedona.

3. UPDATE - TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

Randy Heiss informed members that SEAGO received authorization and Notice to Proceed on the ADOT 2012 Work Plan to include the traffic count program. The amendment to include the new task in the Work Plan was authorized by FHWA on January 11, 2012, after nearly a month's time. Works Consulting will be contacting each jurisdiction (they have started at the county level) to complete the traffic count project. Counts are required on all functionally classified roadways eligible for federal funding. The amount of the contract will not exceed \$60,000 and should be completed by July 2012. A federal cash match will not be required; however, jurisdiction's staff time will be counted as in-kind match for this project.

4. UPDATE ON SEAGO'S NEW FACILITY

Randy reported using Pathways temporary laborers to complete the demolition work required to proceed with bidding the improvements to the new building. The labor was provided at no cost to SEAGO. An insulation installation class was held at the site and Pathways program participants were trained to install blown-in insulation. Cochise College provided the training materials and SEAGO provided the training site and the liability insurance. The bids for the SEAGO office renovation are due **February 29**. There will be a pre-bid conference on **February 15**.

5. INCREASE IN RTAC ASSESSMENT

Randy provided a chart on the FY 13 Liaison Assessment Options and information on the RTAC dues increase justification. On October 31, the RTAC board voted to increase the annual transportation liaison assessment to 8.2 cents per capita with an annual escalation factor of 1/10 of one percent per annum. This is an increase of \$2,314 in FY 13 which will be shared on a population basis by each jurisdiction. The cost will range from \$17 for Duncan to \$1,289 for Cochise County. Randy felt that Kevin Adam was doing a good job keeping everyone abreast of transportation issues and the increase was justified.

6. TRANSIT REPORT

Randy provided the *January 2012 SEAGO Transit Report* from Melanie Greene and offered to answer any questions.

7. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Julie Packer informed members that SEAGO had received a Notice of Funding Availability on **December 2, 2011**, from HUD. While funding was restored, it was at a lower level than in previous years, there is \$45M appropriated for housing counseling in FY 12 and \$36.05M for Comprehensive Counseling. SEAGO submitted a grant for Comprehensive Counseling on **January 9, 2012** (the maximum award will be \$45,000 and the average award is \$20,500).

SEAGO is collaborating with the City of Sierra Vista for home rehabilitation for Sierra Vista residents. The funding will be through the Arizona Department of Housing's HOME program, the amount requested was \$300,000 (\$50,000 maximum per home). If funded, SEAGO will receive \$30,000 for administration of the program over a 2-year period.

8. PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY JOB PROGRAM

Chris Vertrees supplied members with the Pathways Program's milestones, and percentages of target met (which exceeded 100 percent). The Department of Labor extended the program until **April 28, 2012**. Pathways participants were trained and hold national certifications in Solar Installation, Building Performance Analyst, Building Weatherization, Backhoe Operator, All-terrain Forklift Operator, HAZWOPER (hazardous material worker), OSHA 10, Lead Paint Renovator, Lead Abatement, Mold Abatement, Asbestos Abatement, and Mining Safety (MSHA). The Pathways Program is currently working on a LEED GA certification program.

9. PATHWAYS TEMPORARY STAFFING PROGRAM UPDATE

Chris Vertrees updated members on the Pathways Temporary Staffing Program. Due to the Pathways Program's high success of employment (143 clients), the 71 potential participants for the Temporary Staffing Program have been removed from the program's labor pool. In order for the program to be cost effective, SEAGO needed to secure 75 employment contracts and would need a labor pool of at least 100 qualified participants. It is not feasible to recruit and train the additional 78 participants to carry the program forward. Therefore, the Temporary Staffing Program has refocused its efforts to finding employment for the remaining Pathways' participants. Randy Heiss added that due to the hard work of the Pathways staff, all the benchmarks for the program were exceeded, but the success in placing participants in jobs made the temporary staffing program concept non-feasible..

10. SEAGO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS REPORT

Akos Kovach thanked everyone for passing Resolution 2012-01. Listed are some of the activities and projects that Akos has been working on. He has received sponsorships to underwrite costs for the SEAGO newsletter. Benson has an opportunity to become one of the FAA test sites which would bring higher salaries and partnership opportunities (Douglas and Nogales may apply to become an FAA test site). As SEAGO did not want to endorse a single member entity, it was suggested that individual jurisdictions submit resolutions endorsing the region's applicants to become FAA test sites. Akos has met with Fort Huachuca senior staff. The Fort has UAS/UAV and Cyber technologies; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; biometrics; forensics; and training facilities. The 10,000th student has graduated from the UAS school at Fort Huachuca.

11. CDBG UPDATE

Bonnie Williams reported that because of the 2010 Census and a 20 percent cut at the federal level (38 percent over 2 years); SEAGO will receive the least amount of funds for Arizona from ADOH. Due to the funding cutbacks, CDBG projects may have to be leveraged with other funding

sources. She supplied members with the *Arizona Department of Housing 2012 Information Bulletin*, a 3-year Comparison Decline of CDBG Funds, and the MOD 12 tables 1 and 2.

RTAC REPORT

Kevin Adam reported on transportation issues. He also supplied a RTAC Transportation Update and bill summary and status.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Akos had copies of the SEAGO newsletter on hand for members. Jenifer Thornton announced that February 3 was in recognition of Women's Heart Health. Chair Pauken announced the Arizona Statehood Day activities at the City of Bisbee at 10 a.m. and at Cochise County (Melody Lane) at 12:30 p.m. on **February 14**.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Section 3.3 Executive Board Membership

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD
TOWN OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTER
100 NORTH CORONADO BLVD.
CLIFTON, ARIZONA
FEBRUARY 17, 2012**

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Chair Drew John, Graham County
Second Vice Chair Rudy Molera, Santa Cruz County*
Treasurer David Gomez, Greenlee County
*Conference call was terminated at 10:11 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marie Freestone, Graham County Private Sector Representative
Art Garino, City of Nogales
M. C. Holliday, Town of Duncan
George Lemen, Town of Pima
David McCullar, Town of Clifton
Bernadette Polley, Cochise County Private Sector Representative
Tom Reardon, City of Sierra Vista
Bob Rivera, Town of Thatcher
Byron Robertson, Town of Huachuca City
Mark Schmitt, Cochise County Private Sector Representative
Bennie Scott for Ransom Burke, City of Bisbee

STAFF PRESENT:

Randy Heiss, Executive Director
Kathleen Heard, Area Agency on Aging Director
Akos Kovach, Economic Development Planner
Cindy Osborn, Accounts Manager
Julie Packer, Housing Programs Manager
Yolanda Urbina, Executive Assistant
Chris Vertrees, Transportation Planner/Pathways Program Mgr.
Bonnie Williams, Community Development Program Manager

GUESTS:

Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation Advisory Council Liaison
Kay Gale, Administrative Council Vice Chair
Eric Merriman, Town of Thatcher Councilmember
Becky Nutt, Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce
John Shemp, Town of Clifton Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Drew John called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

MEMBER ENTITIES' DISCUSSION

In lieu of this agenda item, Mayor McCullar invited members to take a tour of the Chase Creek Historic District.

1. FINANCE/AUDIT REPORT (INFORMATION ITEM)

Chair John moved this item to the top of the agenda due a time constraint. Jim Usevitch has been with Colby and Powell for 16 years and has been a partner for 8 years. He went over the letter to SEAGO from Colby and Powell and provided copies of it and FY 11 final audit for the board. He added that SEAGO received an "unqualified opinion" which is the highest opinion an agency may receive. They did a sampling and found nothing, no fraud, and the three findings were corrected (the trial balances were not available, the housing monies were booked improperly, and the billings were not based on general ledger reports).

ACTION ITEMS

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the October 21, 2011, Minutes
- b. Ratification of Action by the Executive Committee
- c. Approval of 2012-2016 TIP Amendment No. 3
- d. Approval of Revised Funding Allocations
- e. Advisory Council on Aging Membership

Bob Rivera made the motion and the second was made by David Gomez to approve consent agenda items "a" through "e." Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).

3. APPROVAL OF LOCAL SSBG PLAN FOR SFY 2012-13

Kathleen Heard reported that on **February 3**, she had received notification that there was a reduction in Arizona's share of the national SSBG allocation due to the shift in the national population and a cut of \$14,611 to the SSBG Plan was required. She met with the SSBG Advisory and they recommended a 3.6 percent across the board cuts. Kathleen supplied members with the SSBG revised charts which included the cuts and would be effective **July 1**. **Bob Rivera made the motion and the second was made by Bernadette Polley to approve the SSBG Plan to include the 3.6 percent across the board cuts as recommended by the SSBG Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).**

4. ACOA REPRESENTATION FROM NOGALES

Kathleen Heard reported that Dick Ohnstad had been nominated to fill the Nogales vacancy on the Advisory Council on Aging but she later learned that he did not live in the Nogales city limits. Kathleen spoke with Mayor Arturo Garino and he recommended Luisa Masee the manager of Las Casitas de Santa Cruz to fill the vacancy. **Bernadette Polley made the motion and the second was made by George Lemen to approve the nomination of Luisa Massey to the Advisory Council on Aging as the Nogales representative. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 14/0).**

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Randy Heiss provided members with the names of positions for the officers of the Executive Board's 2012 rotation. There was a short break so that Graham County members could caucus regarding the Treasurer position. **George Lemen made the motion and the second was made by Bob Rivera to approve the Executive Board's slate of officers: Willcox Mayor Gerald "Sam" Lindsey (Chair), Santa Cruz County Supervisor Rudy Molera (First Vice Chair), Greenlee County Supervisor David Gomez (Second Vice Chair), and Graham County Supervisor Drew John (Treasurer). Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 13/0).**

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEAGO'S POLICY MANUAL

Randy Heiss informed members that many of the member jurisdictions work on Columbus Day and take the day after Thanksgiving in lieu of the holiday. In order to reduce the operating deficit (\$3,300 including entitlements with the holiday pay), Randy recommended the policy be amended to eliminate Columbus Day in October and observe the holiday on the day after Thanksgiving. **Bernadette Polley made the motion and the second was made by David Gomez to approve the proposed amendment to SEAGO's policy manual as recommended by staff to remove Columbus Day from the Policy Manual and observe the day after Thanksgiving. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 13/0).**

7. APPROVAL OF SECTION 208 WQMP UPDATE

Randy Heiss reported that public hearings for the 208 Plan were held in Safford on **January 18** and in Huachuca City on **January 19**. One person attended in Safford and none attended in Huachuca City. He added that prior to the hearings he revised the Plan to eliminate consistency reviews for on-site wastewater treatment systems in response to Administrative Council level concerns. Under this revision, only systems with a combined capacity of 24,000 gallons per day will undergo consistency review. In order to track inventory and track concentrations of on-site systems, SEAGO will receive information from ADEQ from these systems to enter into a data base. Randy also mentioned that he had received a number of comments from a member of the public after the public comment period had closed. He asked the Board to allow him the discretion to work with ADEQ to integrate any of these comments that are relevant to improving the Plan. **David Gomez made the motion and the second was made by Byron Robertson to adopt the Section 208 WQMP Update. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 13/0).**

8. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2012-01

Randy had given a PowerPoint presentation on the potential benefits of reestablishing the rail service to Naco, Arizona/Naco, Sonora at the October meetings of the Administrative Council and Executive Board. Both bodies did not express any concerns with his developing a resolution to support such a project and he asked approval of Resolution 2012-01. **Tom Reardon made the motion and the second was made by George Lemen to adopt Resolution 2012-01. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 13/0).**

9. CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS

Randy reported on SEAGO's financial statements regarding concentrations. Due to the decreases and discontinuance in the revenue sources from the Housing, Aging, and Pathways programs, he asked for direction on how to reduce the indirect cost burden to the remaining program. He outlined two options: (1) incur an operating deficit between \$30,000 and \$60,000 annually and work toward acquiring new sources of grant funding or, (2) reorganization which includes reassigning Central Administration duties, reclassifying positions, or requiring programs to perform certain Central Administration duties. Decisions will be based on Central Administration services essential to the operation of the programs. Randy reported that the Administrative Council had recommended a balanced approach to the two alternatives which was to look at incorporating long-term strategies over the course of two years, including reduction of deficit spending, reduction of actual expenditures within administration core costs and exploring new sources of revenue. **Byron Robertson made the motion and the second was made by Bob Rivera to look at incorporating long-term strategies over the course of two years, including reduction of deficit spending, reduction of actual expenditures within administration core costs and exploring new sources of revenue. Motion carried unanimously (Vote: 13/0).**

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. FINANCE/AUDIT REPORT

This item was moved to the top of the agenda.

2. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Randy included dates for the next Administrative Council meetings. Next year, the February meeting will be changed by one week due to the conflict with the ACMA meeting in Sedona. Members agreed on holding the next meeting on **Friday, May 18**. The February meeting will be held a week later (February 22 or 23) due to the ACMA meeting which is scheduled on the first Friday in February and is the same date as the Administrative Council meeting.

Byron Robertson spoke on behalf of Mayor Gomez who suggested not holding the Executive Board meetings on the same day as other important meetings (e.g. State Transportation Board). Randy responded that SEAGO was told of the STB meeting a month and a half before the scheduled date. SEAGO conducted a poll on board members' availability to attend the STB or the Executive Board meeting.

3. UPDATE - TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

Randy Heiss informed members that SEAGO received authorization and Notice to Proceed on the ADOT 2012 Work Plan to include the traffic count program. The amendment to include the new task in the Work Plan was authorized by FHWA on **January 11, 2012**, after nearly a month's time. Works Consulting will be contacting each jurisdiction (they have started at the county level) to complete the traffic count project. Counts are required on all functionally classified roadways eligible for federal funding. The amount of the contract will not exceed \$160,000 and should be completed by **July 2012**. A federal cash match will not be required; however, jurisdiction's staff time will be counted as in-kind match for this project.

4. UPDATE ON SEAGO'S NEW FACILITY

Randy reported using Pathways temporary laborers to complete the demolition work required to proceed with bidding the improvements to the new building. The labor was provided at no cost to SEAGO. A class to install insulation was held at the site and Pathways program participants were trained to install blown-in insulation. Cochise College provided the training materials and SEAGO provided the training site and the liability insurance. The bids for the SEAGO office renovation are due **February 29**. There was a pre-bid conference held on **February 15**.

5. INCREASE IN RTAC ASSESSMENT

Randy provided a chart on the FY 13 Liaison Assessment Options and information on the RTAC dues increase justification. On **October 31**, the RTAC board voted to increase the annual transportation liaison assessment to 8.2 cents per capita with an annual escalation factor of 1/10 of one percent per annum. This is an increase of \$2,314 in FY 13 which will be shared on a population basis by each jurisdiction. The cost will range from \$17 for Duncan to \$1,289 for Cochise County. Randy felt that Kevin Adam was doing a good job keeping everyone abreast of transportation issues and the increase was justified.

6. TRANSIT REPORT

Randy provided the *January 2012 SEAGO Transit Report* from Melanie Greene and offered to answer any questions.

7. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Julie Packer informed members that SEAGO had received a Notice of Funding Availability on **December 2, 2011**, from HUD. While funding was restored, it was at a lower level than in previous years, there is \$45M appropriated for housing counseling in FY 12 and \$36.05M for Comprehensive Counseling. SEAGO submitted a grant for Comprehensive Counseling on **January 9, 2012** (the maximum award will be \$45,000 and the average award is \$20,500).

SEAGO is collaborating with the City of Sierra Vista for home rehabilitation for Sierra Vista residents. The funding will be through the Arizona Department of Housing's HOME program, the amount requested was \$300,000 (\$50,000 maximum per home). If funded, SEAGO will receive \$30,000 for administration of the program over a 2-year period.

8. PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY JOB PROGRAM

Chris Vertrees supplied members with the Pathways Program's milestones, and percentages of target met (which exceeded 100 percent). The Department of Labor extended the program until **April 28, 2012**. Pathways participants were trained and hold national certifications in Solar Installation, Building Performance Analyst, Building Weatherization, Backhoe Operator, All-terrain Forklift Operator, HAZWOPER (hazardous material worker), OSHA 10, Lead Paint Renovator, Lead

Abatement, Mold Abatement, Asbestos Abatement, and Mining Safety (MSHA). The Pathways Program is currently working on a LEED GA certification program.

9. PATHWAYS TEMPORARY STAFFING PROGRAM UPDATE

Chris Vertrees updated members on the Pathways Temporary Staffing Program. Due to the Pathways Program's high success of employment (143 clients), the 71 potential participants for the Temporary Staffing Program have been removed from the program's labor pool. In order for the program to be cost effective, SEAGO needed to secure 75 employment contracts and would need a labor pool of at least 100 qualified participants. It is not feasible to recruit and train the additional 78 participants to carry the program forward. Therefore, the Temporary Staffing Program has refocused its efforts to finding employment for the remaining Pathways' participants. Randy Heiss added that due to the hard work of the Pathways staff, all the benchmarks for the program were exceeded.

10. SEAGO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS REPORT

Akos Kovach thanked everyone for passing Resolution 2012-01. Listed are some of the activities and projects that Akos has been working on. He has received sponsorships to underwrite costs for the SEAGO newsletter. Benson has an opportunity to become one of the FAA test sites which would bring higher salaries and partnership opportunities (Douglas and Nogales may apply to become an FAA test site). As SEAGO did not want to endorse a single member entity, it was suggested that individual jurisdictions submit resolutions endorsing the region's applicants to become FAA test sites. Akos has met with Fort Huachuca senior staff. The Fort has UAS/UAV and Cyber technologies; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; biometrics; forensics; and training facilities. The 10,000th student has graduated from the UAS school at Fort Huachuca. The City of Bisbee and KARP radio are collaborating on a tower expansion (a repeater for broader range coverage). The Foreign Trade Zone opportunities will help businesses with state and federal tax incentives. Business do not have to pay dues if their goods are put in a warehouse and do not enter the U.S. He has partnered with the region's chambers of commerce, Santa Cruz Community Foundation, the Sierra Vista Industrial Development Authority and the Copper Queen Community Hospital. Akos received a request from Ambos Nogales to place their project on the CEDS (requirement for EDA funding). A clinic to treat mild trauma brain injury may be located in Ft. Huachuca/Bisbee/Palominas.

Mark Schmitt reported on the meeting in Nogales with Gary Mack (lending IDA) to help with farm loans. Also, local supermarkets wanting to buy local produce are encouraged to attend a Farm Bureau (farm to market) meeting on March 6 at the Cochise College Sierra vista campus.

11. CDBG UPDATE

Bonnie Williams reported that because of the 2010 Census and a 20 percent cut at the federal level (38 percent over 2 years); SEAGO will receive the least amount of funds for Arizona from ADOH. Due to the funding cutbacks, CDBG projects may have to be leveraged with other funding sources. She supplied members with the *Arizona Department of Housing 2012 Information Bulletin*, a 3-year Comparison Decline of CDBG Funds, and the MOD 12 tables 1 and 2. Bonnie

distributed a handout on the public hearing for the 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan to be held on February 29 at 10 a.m. at the Arizona Department of Housing, 1110 West Washington, Suite 280 in Phoenix. The plan will be available for public review from April 1 through May 1 at the ADOH offices at 1110 West Washington, Suite 310 in Phoenix (written comments may be sent to Andrew Rael).

RTAC REPORT

Kevin Adam reported on state and federal transportation issues. He also supplied a RTAC Transportation Update and bill summary and status.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments.

PASSING THE GAVEL TO NEW CHAIR

Chair John thanked everyone for the opportunity and was honored to serve as Chair of the Executive Board and he enjoyed representing SEAGO. Because neither the incoming Chair nor the First Vice-Chair were present, outgoing Chair Drew John turned the gavel over to incoming Second Vice Chair David Gomez.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

SECTION 4.0
208 CHECKLIST

Section 4.1 SEAGO 208 Water Quality Management Plan Update Information

Designated Planning Agency: *SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO)*

Name of Amendment: *SEAGO 208 Water Quality Management Plan Update 2011*

Amendment Summary: *The SEAGO 208 Water Quality Management Plan Update establishes new strategies and processes to provide regional coordination in developing wastewater treatment facilities and for efforts to protect water quality. The purpose of this planning effort is to update the existing SEAGO 208 Plan to:*

- *Assure adequate wastewater facilities in the SEAGO region;*
- *Take advantage of economies of scale, treatment efficiencies, new and better treatment technology, and conservation practices where possible;*
- *Identify and address water quality and wastewater issues; and*
- *Improve effectiveness and efficiency of 208 Plan Consistency Reviews.*

The previous SEAGO 208 Plan, adopted in 1994, was primarily an inventory of then-existing wastewater treatment facilities in the region and the 20-year capacity projections for those facilities. As new facilities were proposed or capacity projections needed modification, a “plan amendment” was required to update the regional plan. The plan amendment process is both time-consuming, costly and of questionable value, especially when it involves a city, town, or sanitary district. Expansion of a public wastewater treatment facility requires multiple public processes including planning and zoning hearings and approval of capital expenditures by the governing body for design and construction. The requirement for a separate 208 amendment often resulted in a large amount of expended effort with little to no public participation because the project was already well publicized and approved through other processes.

The updated SEAGO 208 Plan incorporates a Strategic Plan of goals with strategies and tactics to achieve those goals. For example, the expansion of an existing treatment facility will not trigger a plan amendment if it is found consistent with the goals and strategies in the 208 Plan. Only those proposed actions that are not found consistent with the Strategic Plan will require a plan amendment.

The planning effort encourages and tries to assure the development and maintenance of sufficient, efficient, cost effective, reliable, and sustainable wastewater treatment and disposal systems. The updated Plan includes strategies that encourage the use of sustainability and resource conservation practices and address water quality problems from sources other than wastewater treatment and disposal. The updated SEAGO 208 Plan also encourages local land use decision makers to consider the goals of the SEAGO 208 Plan when making planning and zoning decisions that involve development, wastewater management, and stormwater impacts.

Section 4.2 Section 208 Clean Water Act Checklist (40 CFR Part 130.6)

208 AMENDMENT CHECKLIST
Section 208 of the Clean Water Act¹
40 CFR § 130.6²

| REQUIREMENT | PROVIDE BRIEF SUMMARY OF HOW REQUIREMENTS ARE ADDRESSED | ADDRESSED ON PAGE: |
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| AUTHORITY | | |
| 1. Proposed Designated Management Agency (DMA) shall self-certify that it has the authorities required by Section 208(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act ³ to implement the plan for its proposed planning and service areas. Self-certification shall be in the form of a legal opinion by the DMA or entity attorney. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. However, SEAGO, a regional Council of Governments, was designated by the Governor as the Designated Planning Agency (DPA) for the four-county region covering Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz counties. | Page 2-3 of the 208 Plan update. |
| 20-YEAR NEEDS | | |
| 2. Describe existing WWT facilities. | Permitted WWT facilities, maps showing approximate facility locations, current flows, and planned expansion are listed in Appendix B of the 208 Plan update. | Pages B-1 through B-9 of the 208 Plan update. |
| 3. Show WWT certified and service areas for private utilities and sanitary district boundaries if appropriate. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |

¹ FWPCA § 208 (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act), 33 U.S.C. § 1288, Areawide waste treatment management.

² 40 CFR § 130.6, Water quality management plans.

³ FWPCA § 208; 33 U.S.C. § 1288(c)(2).

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| 4. Provide POPTAC population estimates (or COG-approved estimates only where POPTAC not available) over 20-year period. | POPTAC estimates are included in Chapter 3 of the 208 Plan update. | Page 3-1 (Table 3.1), Page 3-6 (Table 3.4), Page 3-15 (Table 3.8), and Page 3-24 (Table 3.12) of the 208 Plan update. |
| 5. Provide wastewater flow estimates over the 20-year planning period. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 6. Illustrate the WWT planning and service areas. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 7. Describe the type and capacity of the recommended WWT Plant. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 8. Identify water quality problems, consider alternative control measures, and recommend solutions for implementation. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. However, impaired waters and other water quality problems are discussed in Chapter 3 of the 208 Plan update. Additional information regarding water quality problems will also be posted to SEAGO's website over time. | Page 3-9, Page 3-10 (Table 3.6), Page 3-12, Page 3-18, Page 3-19 (Table 3.10), Page 3-21, Page 3-22, Page 3-28 (Table 3.13), Page 3-29, and 3-30. |
| 9. If private WWT utilities with certificated areas are within the proposed regional service area, define who (municipal or private utility) will serve which areas, and when service will be available in the designated areas. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. However, certificated areas for private WWT utilities will be posted to SEAGO's website. | N/A. |
| 10. Describe method of effluent disposal and reuse sites (if appropriate). | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |

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| 11.If Sanitary Districts are within a proposed planning or service area, describe who serves the Sanitary Districts and when. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. However, service and planning areas for existing WWT facilities will be posted to SEAGO's website. | N/A. |
| 12.Describe ownership of land proposed for plant sites and reuse areas. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 13.Address time frames in the development of the treatment works. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 14.Address financial constraints in the development of the treatment works. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 15.Describe how discharges will comply with EPA municipal and industrial stormwater discharge regulations. ⁴ | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 16.Describe how open areas & recreational opportunities will result from improved water quality and how those will be used. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 17.Describe potential use of lands associated with treatment works and increased access to water-based recreation, if applicable. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| REGULATIONS | | |
| 18.Describe types of permits needed, including NPDES, APP and reuse. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |

⁴ FWPCA § 402; 33 U.S.C. § 1342(p).

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| 19. Describe restrictions on NPDES permits, if needed, for discharge and sludge disposal. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 20. Provide documentation of communication with ADEQ Permitting Section 30 to 60 days prior to public hearing regarding the need for specific permits. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 21. Describe pretreatment requirements and method of adherence to requirements. ⁵ | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 22. Identify, if appropriate, specific pollutants that will be produced from excavations and procedures that will protect ground and surface water quality. ⁶ | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs or industrial sites. | N/A. |
| 23. Describe alternatives and recommendation in the disposition of sludge generated. ⁷ | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 24. Define any nonpoint issues related to the proposed facility and outline procedures to control them. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs or industrial sites. | N/A. |
| 25. Describe process to handle all mining runoff, orphan sites and underground pollutants, if applicable. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs or industrial sites. | N/A. |

⁵ FWPCA § 208; 33 U.S.C. § 1288(b)(2)(C)(iii).

⁶ FWPCA §§ 208, 304; 33 U.S.C. §§ 1288(b)(2)(K), 1314, Information and guidelines.

⁷ FWPCA § 405; 33 U.S.C. § 1345, Disposal or use of sewage sludge.

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| 26.If mining related, define where collection of pollutants has occurred, and what procedures are going to be initiated to contain contaminated areas. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by industrial sites. | N/A. |
| 27.If mining related, define what specialized procedures will be initiated for orphan sites, if applicable. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by industrial sites. | N/A. |
| CONSTRUCTION | | |
| 28.Define construction priorities and time schedules for initiation and completion. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 29.Identify agencies who will construct, operate and maintain the facilities and otherwise carry out the plan. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. However, individual existing and future DMAs and future WMUs will construct, operate and maintain their respective facilities. Certain aspects of the 208 Plan update will be carried out by SEAGO and ADEQ. | Chapters 5 and 6 of the 208 Plan update. |
| 30.Identify construction activity-related sources of pollution and set forth procedures and methods to control, to the extent feasible, such sources. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs or industrial sites. | N/A. |
| FINANCING AND OTHER MEASURES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN | | |
| 31.If plan proposes to take over certificated private utility, describe how, when and financing will be managed. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |

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| 32. Describe any significant measure necessary to carry out the plan, e.g., institutional, financial, economic, etc. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 33. Describe proposed method(s) of community financing. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 34. Provide financial information to assure DMA has financial capability to operate and maintain wastewater system over its useful life. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 35. Provide a time line outlining period of time necessary for carrying out plan implementation. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 36. Provide financial information indicating the method and measures necessary to achieve project financing. ⁸ | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| IMPLEMENTABILITY | | |
| 37. Describe impacts on existing wastewater facilities, e.g., sanitary district, infrastructure/facilities and certificated areas. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. | N/A. |
| 38. Describe how and when existing package plants will be connected to a regional system. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. However, the 208 Plan update includes such a description in Chapter 6. | Page 6-5 through 6-10. See also Tables 6.4 (Page 6.9) and 6.5 (Page 6-10) of the 208 Plan update. |
| 39. Describe the impact on communities and businesses affected by the plan. | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs or industrial sites. | N/A. |

⁸ See generally FWPCA (CWA) Subchapter II, Grants for Construction of Treatment Works (33 U.S.C. §§ 1281-1301), 33 U.S.C. §§ 125¹, 1384.

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| 40.If a municipal wastewater (WWT) system is proposed, describe how WWT service will be provided until the municipal system is completed; i.e., will package plants and septic systems be allowed, and if so, under what circumstances? (Interim services.) | N/A. This requirement applies to 208 Plan amendments submitted by DMAs. However, the 208 Plan update includes such a description in Chapter 6. | Page 6-7 through 6-9. See also Table 6.4 (Page 6.9) of the 208 Plan update. |
| PUBLIC PARTICIPATION | | |
| 41.Submit copy of mailing list used to notify the public of the public hearing on the 208 amendment. ⁹ | The mailing lists for public notification are included in Section 2.3 of this Addendum. | Page 25 of this Addendum |
| 42.List location where documents are available for review at least 30 days before public hearing. | Per the public notice (Section 2.2), the updated plan was available at the SEAGO offices, 118 Arizona Street, Bisbee, AZ. Because this is an update to a regional plan, copies of the Plan were available in the public libraries in each county seat in the four-county SEAGO region. | Page 24 of this Addendum. |
| 43.Submit copy of the public notice of the public hearing as well as an official affidavit of publication from the area newspaper. Clearly show the announcement appeared in the newspaper at least 45 days before the hearing. | Because this is an update to a regional plan, the public notice was published in the newspaper printed in each county seat in the four-county SEAGO region (see public notice in Section 2.2 and Affidavits in Section 2.1 of this Addendum). | Pages 24 and 20 – 23 of this Addendum. |
| 44.Submit affidavit of publication for official newspaper publication. | Affidavits of Publication are included in Section 2.1 of this Addendum. More legible copies are attached at the rear of this Addendum. | Pages 20 – 23 of this Addendum. |

⁹ 40 CFR § 25.5, Public hearings.

| REQUIREMENT | PROVIDE BRIEF SUMMARY OF HOW REQUIREMENTS ARE ADDRESSED | ADDRESSED ON PAGE: |
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| 45. Submit responsiveness summary for public hearing. | Because this is an update to a regional plan, SEAGO conducted two public hearings – one in the northern portion of the region, and one in the southern portion of the region. A summary of comments in is included within Section 1.0 of this Addendum | Pages 3 – 18 of this Addendum. |

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
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) ss.
COUNTY OF GREENLEE)

SHERRY L. ENGLISH being first
duly sworn, deposes and says: That (he) (she) is the Agent to the Publisher of the
COPPER ERA newspaper printed and published weekly in the County of Greenlee,
State of Arizona, and of general circulation in the city of Clifton, County of Greenlee,
State of Arizona and elsewhere, and the hereto attached

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MANAGEMENT PLAN

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publication was made on each of the following dates, to wit:
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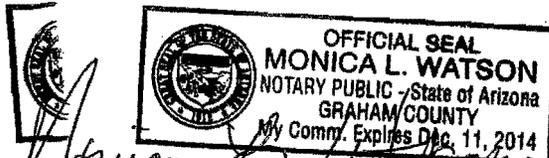
THE COPPER ERA

By

Sherry L. English

Subscribed sworn to before me this 30th day of NOVEMBER

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Notary Public in and for the County of Graham, State of Arizona

My Commission Expires:

Dec. 11, 2014

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STATE OF ARIZONA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

SHERRY L. ENGLISH

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EASTERN ARIZONA COURIER

By *Sherry L. English*

Subscribed sworn to before me this 30th day of NOVEMBER 20 11

Monica L. Watson
OFFICIAL SEAL
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NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Arizona
GRAHAM COUNTY
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Notary Public in and for the County of Graham, State of Arizona
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ELISA BERMUDEZ

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Duly sworn, deposes and says: That (he) (she) is the Agent to the Publisher of the NOGALES INTERNATIONAL newspaper printed and published two days week in the City of Nogales, County of Santa Cruz, State of Arizona. That the notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, described as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SEAGO 208 Water Quality Management Plan
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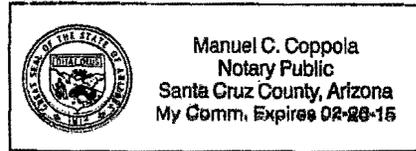
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NOGALES INTERNATIONAL
268 W VIEW POINT, NOGALES, AZ 85621 (520)375-5760

By

Manuel C. Coppola

Subscribed sworn to before me this 2nd day of DECEMBER 20 11



Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Cruz, State of Arizona

My Commission Expires: 2-26-15

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