City of Kingman Water Sustainability Task Force Meeting Minutes August 20, 2025

Committee Members Present:

- Randy Gremlich, P.E. Floodplain District Engineer, Mohave County
- Mike Garmon City Engineer, City of Kingman
- Scott Holtry Development Services Director, Mohave County
- Katherine Fish Vice Chairman, Floodplain Programs Manager, Mohave County
- Bob Posey Water Resource Manager, City of Kingman
- Robie Crockett Former Committee Clerk, Flood Control Off. Specialist, Mohave Co
- Vikki Warren New Committee Clerk, Flood Control Off. Specialist, Mohave County
- Mike Zogg Reporter, Kingman Miner

Absent Members:

- Andrew Brischke Public Member
- Tim Walsh City Manager, City of Kingman
- David Dale Public Member
- Jack Plaunty (Interim Public Works Director, City of Kingman)

Staff Present:

Mike Prior – Civil Engineer, P.E., Mohave County

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm, by Bob Posey.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Posey.

Announcement:

Robie Crockett announced and introduced the new Committee Clerk, Vikki Warren.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Posey approved the April 22, 2025 minutes.

Election of Officer

Scott Holtry voted for Bob Posey in the Chair position, Randy Gremlich seconded the motion, all in favor.

Mike Garmon voted Scott Holtry in the Vice Chair position. Randy Gremlich seconded, all in favor.

Drought Contingency Plan

Bob Posey handed out the final approved copy of the Drought Contingency Plan to everyone. He mentioned a few key commitments that were going to be priority for starting which included:

Community and Outreach plan that would identify stakeholders and inform them of the development of the *Drought Contingency Plan*. Establishing meetings with a virtual attendance option was recommended.

Community feedback, input and data collecting.

Bob stated the original deadline was 9/30/25, but that an extension was requested due to setbacks and delays.

Clarification was given to the fact that the current Sustainability Task Force was going to be the Drought Contingency Plan Task Force and future meetings were set to once a month through November if needed.

Mohave County Projects

Randy Gremlich provided updates on current Flood Control projects:

- Monitoring Wells Project is finalizing now and the Board approved a contract with Yellow Jacket Drilling to complete 3 monitoring wells. Pre-Construction meetings are being scheduled and could possibly see drilling with one month.
- Feldspar Detention Basin —Reaching the final stages of approval for the Environmental Assessment documents, then finalizing the land transfer — BLM promised to complete the land transfer by October, at which time contractors could be given the notice to proceed on the project.
- Riata and Crestwood Detention Basin No additional update, still waiting for the State Land of Arizona to approve the use the of state land. Getting formal auction on the land soon.
- Mohave-Rattlesnake Wash Detention Basin Still under design, continuing to refine ideas and options. Kat Fish mentioned the deadline which was estimated at the end of year (2025).
- o USGS Water Model No updates provided during this meeting.

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Scott Holtry gave update that the Mohave-Rattlesnake Wash congressional grant additional funding was denied in the $2^{\rm nd}$ stage of approval, and the project would be scaled back and phased out to accommodate.

City of Kingman Projects

Mike Garmon -

WELL SITE EVALUATION - In the midst of a project to install the 16" transmission line from railroad tracks to hospital – Santa Rosa transmission line

Got the jack bore completed under freeway

All work on Eastern completed, headed down Pacific then north on Sage??

Might get CDS for Bull Mtn channel project – short phase to take care of local drainage is first phase. Will know in Sept, they think.

Bob Posey -

WATER METERS - converting to electronic read. Working w/ company to install all new AMR meters through the City.

WATER AUDITS – city's water audit committee has completed the audit for FY24 – sent to consultant to get suggestions or recommendations.

Aging infrastructure is a costly issue we're facing. A common problem for both large and small cities across the country.

RECHARGE – still not recharging – looking at a phased project to better filter the wastewater due to PFAS. Scott-When will the filtration go in? Bob & Mike - DCR this year and construction probably a couple of years away. Expensive, several million dollars, to filter. PFAS drinking water standard exists for but no PFAS effluent standard yet. They know the regulations are coming & want to get ahead of it.

Partnering Opportunities

 Mike Garmon inquired about a County project working with EPA having something to do with soil rehabilitation. Scott Holtry clarified that it was FUDS (Formally Used Defense Site) ROW, Private Property and Gunnery where all the skeet from WW2 settled in the soil/sand.

Grant Opportunities

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- GOOGLE wants to build data center, searching for recharge or new sources, 100 million gallons per year replenished into watershed.
- WATER REC for small holdings, Bob Posey plans on asking questions about the eligibility for dry wells.

Legislative Update

No new updates

Public Outreach Opportunities

Randy Gremlich mentioned that county website is always available for any public announcements or postings that may be needed. Mike Garmon noted that the city also has a social media contact for Facebook, etc. Announcement was made that the City also has podcast that will be starting soon.

Kat Fish inquired if the City's electronic signs around town feature the "Turn Around Don't Drown" endorsement on them. Mike Garmon mentioned he would look into it and find out.

Bob Posey said the Water Festival will be happening in 2026, funding was provided. This targets 4th graders in the school district, which is run by U of A called "Project Wet". Centennial Park and Ramada are being considered as locations to host the event.

New Development Issues

Mike Garmon mentioned that there are a few subdivisions in the pre planning stages, but no issues to report. All listed subdivisions will be on City water system.

Articles and/or Conferences

- Arizona Public Works Association Concluded. A lot of topics of discussion were centered around AI and how it can help monitor the water systems.
- Arizona Flood Plain Management End of October 2025

Comments/Announcements by Task Force Members

Call to Public

Reporter Mike Zogg, present, had no questions. He attended because he wrote a story a few weeks ago which had not published yet, and spoke to Tim who mentioned the task force meeting and he came to make sure what he wrote about did not have any changes since sitting on the last meeting.

Next Meeting

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Bob Posey will send out invites for the next meeting which will be in one month to satisfy the monthly requirement for the new Drought Contingency Task Force. The next quarterly Water Sustainability meeting will most likely cancel since the monthly meetings will have occurred.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Chairman, Bob Posey adjourned the meeting at 4:16 pm.

Minutes approved at the meeting of PAH