

City of Kingman
Water Sustainability Task Force
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2025

Committee Members Present:

- Rob Owen – Chairman, Public Works Director, City of Kingman
- Randy Gremlich, P.E. – Flood Control District Engineer, Mohave County
- Mike Garmon – City Engineer, City of Kingman
- Scott Holtry – Development Services Director, Mohave County
- Bob Posey – Water Resource Manager, City of Kingman
- David Dale – Public Member
- Robie Crockett – Committee Clerk, Flood Control Office Specialist, Mohave County

Absent Members:

- Katherine Fish – Vice Chair, Flood Control District, Mohave County
- Tim Walsh – City Manager, City of Kingman
- Andrew Brischke – Public Member

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm, by Chairman, Rob Owen.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Public Member, David Dale.

- **Member Confirmation**

Chairman, Rob Owen acknowledged the presence of new members from Mohave County:

- Scott Holtry, Development Services Director, Mohave County
- Randy Gremlich, Flood Control District Engineer, Mohave County

He also introduced Bob Posey, Water Resource Manager from City of Kingman as a new member and support staff. He stated that the group will conduct an election for new Chair and Vice-Chair in the next meeting when we have full attendance.

- **Bylaws Overview**

Chairman, Rob Owen shared a handout of the Bylaws and Rules of Procedures for the City of Kingman, Arizona Water Sustainability Task Force. He states that modifications can be discussed in the next meeting. Draft will be emailed to the group for comments. Chairman, Rob Owen asked if we could continue to use the Cyclopic Room for future meetings, Scott Holtry agreed, and he also mentioned to consider a virtual WSTF meeting so we can post the link online to be available for the public.

- **Drought Contingency Plan**

Chairman, Rob Owen shared a handout of the City of Kingman Arizona Drought Contingency Planning Project and answered David Dale's question. "Do we have an amount for the grant?" Chairman, Rob Owen stated that the grant amount is \$200,000.00 and the contract amount is \$150,000.00.

- **Mohave County Projects**

Scott Holtry and Randy Gremlich provided updates on current Flood Control projects:

- **Sierra Vista Detention Basin** – Design and Construction has been completed. Due to a complaint received from a resident, the county went through the process to change design to detention.
- **Feldspar, Riata & Crestwood** – Designs are complete, and the Feldspar Basin construction has been awarded.
- **Mohave – Rattlesnake** – Design was recently approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- **USGS Monitoring Wells** – This is a shared project with City of Kingman to install three new monitoring wells to provide real time water updates in the aquifer. Data from drone farm flight was sent to USGS and should receive more information soon. Chairman, Rob Owen stated that he would like City of Kingman to be involved and trained with the program. He also asked if there are any other projects in partnership with City of

Kingman that they need to account budget for. Scott Holtry said that this is the only project he is aware of but will verify.

- **Legislative Update**

Scott Holtry shared some details from recent Governor's Water Policy Council attended by Governor Hobbs and some legislatures. He stated that Governor Hobbs administration is working on Rural Water Management to protect Arizona's water future and protect rural Arizonans. We should hear more about this in the coming days.

- **Public Outreach Opportunities**

Chairman, Rob Owen stated that City of Kingman is active in public outreach to schools. Bob Posey, also stated that there will be an event for 4th graders, called Project WET. This event will be held on April 24, 2025, at Centennial Park. Kingman Unified School District and Kingman Academy of Learning will both participate in this event.

- **New Development Issues**

Scott Holtry stated that there is a new subdivision project bordering the county and the city. David Dale added that the group should discuss this new construction in the next meeting.

- **Articles and / or Conferences**

No articles.

Scott Holtry and Randy Gremlich will both attend The Law of Colorado River Conference in April which will be held in Tucson. Bob Posey will also attend a conference in Flagstaff in ~~March~~ ^{May}.

- **Comment/Announcements by Task Force Members**

No comments or announcements.

- **Call to Public, when appropriate at the Chairman's discretion (limited to 2 minutes per speaker or as determined by the Chair)**

Wayne Hollins, Water Conservation Consultant of Big Sandy Natural Resources Conservation District stated that the county received 40 million from ARPA funding but not a dime was spent on education. He stated that we need to be more proactive. Someone from City of Kingman or Mohave County should go out there, spread the word and educate people on conserving water.

- **Next Meeting**

Chairman, Rob Owen is looking to schedule the next meeting sometime around 3rd or 4th week of April. He said he will email the group as we get closer to the date.

- **Adjournment**

Chairman, Rob Owen adjourned the meeting at 3:13 pm.

Minutes approved at the meeting of April 22, 2025.