

ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 12, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present

Matthew Rexing
*Kurt Novy
Brian Sitko
Laura McCasland
Robert Vertefeuille
Barbara Escobar
*Michael Dew
Randy Gottler
Elizabeth Proffitt
Rick Amalfi
Terri Garcia
Jim Williams
Elizabeth Baker
Christina Hoppes
Evelyn Dawson
Mary Tyer

* by phone

Members Absent

Garry Brussels
Anupa Jain
Cynthia Garcia

Guests Present

*Leanne Nieukirk
Kerri Keller
Gail Adams
Kim Caggiano
Amy Cerwinski
Gary Shipley
*Dawn Weyer
Mike McGovern
Jennifer Calles
Gary Shipley
Heather King
Emily Vaneskey
Tara Ford
Brian Grieges

SLS Staff

Steve Baker
Galan Larson
Frank Martinez

ADEQ Staff

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Matt Rexing officially seated the Chairperson Barbara Escobar and Vice Chairperson Brian Sitko. Barbara called the meeting to order.

Steve Baker welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF BYLAWS

The bylaws were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from December 04, 2014 were approved as written.

ADEQ UPDATE

There was nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None

ALA UPDATE:

None

MALA Update:

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rules:

Steve: the new governor has put a moratorium on rules and has stopped all the rule makings that were midway in the process; they have been asked to go back to the beginning which is to submit a request for rule making. So Licensure has to resubmit the request. Licensure was told by ADEQ that there was a deadline for updating all the drinking water rules by April of 2016 to keep current with EPA's regulations in order to maintain the primacy. Licensure will also take a similar approach as ADEQ while putting in a request. There is a requirement from the governor's office to streamline the rules; the methods that are not being used will be removed; contemplating removing the requirement of the QA Manual; Prabha has been spending a considerable amount of time on reviewing the methods; DEQ references 40 CFR for most of their requirements and their rules are short. Hach methods will be removed except for the ones, about 6 of them, that are in 40 CFR; two exemptions will be

added, CLO2 and chlorite; some hospitals are now considered DW systems because they have CLO2 systems installed; a training workshop has been set up to train them; a subcommittee will be formed to get the labs' input on the rules; it shouldn't be a problem to get the rules completed by April of 2016.

Barbara commented that ADHS rules have directly referenced TNI standards (2003); will the revised rules match the current version of TNI standards (2009) being aware that there are current draft standards to various modules that include the LOD/LOQ and Calibration references? The draft MUR has new methods and revised footnotes, those need to be incorporated as well; the draft MUR has a revised procedure for MDLs and has revised versions of 624 and 625 methods; TNI is offering training via webinars.

Training:

Matt Rexing gave an update: the last SW/GW workshop was a big success; in future the workshops will be rotated between Phoenix and Tucson; hands on training of ground water and surface water sampling are very informative; Tucson has a very nice flowing stream for surface water sampling demo; looking for a good one in the Phoenix area.

The hot topic currently is the Reuse; there are Reuse Associations, National as well as AZ Water, that are providing training in Reuse putting emphasize on the required testing; Matt will be contacting the local Reuse association to partner with for workshops; Microbiology is another workshop he is interested in presenting.

Steve will be presenting the CLO2 and chlorite workshop. There are only 3 systems in AZ.

Steve added that he would be involved with national training on field testing; EPA nationally is interested in the field testing and the deficiencies Arizona is finding; EPA is looking to find resources to support the training workshops. Barbara added that the Environmental Lab Advisory Board (ELAB) that meets during TNI Forum meetings has established an In-line and On-line Monitoring Task Group to determine the need for EPA to approve & thus assess such methods if they prove equivalent to traditional promulgated methods.

Steve added that he would like to repeat the WW workshops this time giving emphasis on hands-on training. That would probably be in the fall of 2015 or spring of 2016; if working on the rules at that time frame, it might get postponed further.

DMRQA:

Becky was not present. Steve commented that he got a call from Andy (DMRQA Program) from ADEQ asking what role the ADHS was playing in monitoring of DMRQA; ADHS has no role except to monitor the DMRQA studies that the labs are participating in; the field PT tests should be ideally done by the field personnel rather than the lab staff; ADHS was not involved with the systems' PT performance.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:

The date for the next meeting would be decided based on the availability of the conference room in June; once finalized an email will be sent to all the participants.