

ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 12, 2013

Corrected**

MINUTES

Members Present

Matthew Rexing
*Nancy Turner
*Kurt Novy
Garry N. Brussels
Rick Amalfi
Brian Sitko
*Barbara Escobar
Trina Spangle
Mary Tyer
Elizabeth Baker
Elizabeth Proffitt

Members Absent

Evelyn Dawson
Michael Dew
Laura McCasland
Randy Gottler
Jim Williams
Cynthia Garcia

Guests Present

Anupa Jain
Brittaney Dempster
Kerri Keller
Robert Vertefeuille
*Terri Garcia
*Dawn Weyer
*Leanne Nieukirk
Jennifer Calles
Gail Adams
*Mike McGovern
*Belinda Gamboa-Felix
*Nancy Powell
David Veratti
Amy Baker
Nathan Goldthwaite
Tara Ford
Christina Hoppes
Susan Armijo
Susan Kinade
Yu-Chu-Hsu
Kim Caggiano
Jason Bobko

SLS Staff

Prabha Acharya
Steve Baker
Galan Larson
Frank Martinez
Isaac Robert
Imelda Guevara
Mahmoud Bidabad

ADEQ Staff

Becky Soter

* by phone
** Corrections were
made in the ALA
UPDATE Section

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Matt Rexing called the meeting to order at 10.05 AM. Everyone introduced themselves including the attendees from Tucson and Flagstaff via the phone.

Steve Baker welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from September 19, 2013 meeting was approved as written.

ADEQ UPDATE

Electronic Signatures on SMRFs and DMRs:

Becky Soter gave an update: ADEQ is not ready to accept electronic signatures on SMRFs and DMRs; they are working with EPA to get their approval; EPA hasn't been thoroughly satisfied yet with the format ADEQ has presented so far; electronic signatures are only approved for SMRF NOI (Notice of Intent) for wastewater only; Program Managers are working with EPA to get the forms up to the specifications.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

ALA UPDATE:

Garry Brussels gave an update: Elections were held at the last ALA meeting; the new elected officers were:

President- ~~Larry Piercee~~ Michael Breu

Vice President- Robert Vertefeuille

Secretary: Elizabeth Baker

Treasurer: Brittaney Dempster

Garry added that Robert Vertefeuille might be substituting for Michael Breu ~~him~~ at the future ELAC meetings if he had other matters to attend to.

MALA Update:

There was nothing to report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Training:

Matt Rexing gave an update: there is a free seminar on low level perchlorate analysis by IC/MS being offered by an vendor (Metroohm) in Phoenix; it is one of the parameters of UCMR3; some perchlorate contamination is found in Colorado River (CAP) and ground water in Arizona; 3 dates are suitable—3/17, 3/24 and 3/27; one of the dates will be selected based on the availability of the DHS room and AZ Water schedule. If anyone knows about any other free seminars it can combined with this one or have two half a day individual seminars.

Field sampling workshop was held on 11/19, 20 and 21st of November; it was a big success; hopefully Joe Harmon will be able to help out with next one in the Fall of next year.

Steve added that ADHS no longer has any contract with ADEQ and the environmental program might get shut down in Chemistry; they have other programs to work with currently; some of the environmental staff might get relocated; he wasn't sure how much assistance Joe will be able to offer for the training activities.

Barbara Escobar was interested in having the next Sampling workshop at the Pima County facility.

DMRQA:

Steve Baker informed that this will be the last meeting ADHS will give an update on DMRQA. This is ADEQ's program and this agenda item will stay if Marnie is willing to attend the future meetings.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting was scheduled for March 13, 2014; the meeting was adjourned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara brought up the confusion that still appears to linger as far as the requirements for 1664 A and B versions are concerned and she would like the existing issues clarified by forming a subcommittee with ADHS staff. It was agreed to form a subcommittee and anyone interested in joining should contact Barbara.

Steve informed that there will be a meeting to discuss chlorite licensure after this meeting.