

ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 07, 2012

MINUTES (draft)

Members Present

Matthew Rexing
Barbara Escobar
Rick Amalfi
Robert Vertefeuille
Elizabeth Proffitt
Randy Gottler
Elizabeth Baker

Members Absent

Anne Nichols
Michael Dew
Evelyn Dawson
Nancy Turner
Linda Johnson
Kurt Novy
Mary Tyer
Cynthia Garcia
Laura McCasland
Jim Williams

Guests Present

Melinda Seibel
Trina Spangle
Cassandra DaSalla
Brian Sitko
Casey Loflin
Jeanene Hanley
Garry Brussels
*Terri Garcia
*Mike McGovern
Nancy Powell
*Leanne Nieukirk
*Dawn Weyer
Jennifer Callas
Christina Hoppes
Anupa Jain
Lillian Reeves
Melissa Spencer

SLS Staff

Prabha Acharya
Kathryn Wangsness
Steve Baker
Isaac Robert
Frank Martinez
Galan Larson
Dave McKay
Imelda Guevara
Daniel Perez
Jason Mihalic

ADEQ Staff

* by phone

CALL TO ORDER

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Linda Johnson could not attend the meeting; Matthew Rexing, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced themselves including the attendees from Tucson via the phone.

Steve Baker welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming; he counted the members present, a quorum was not present. He announced that the current sound system from this conference room will be replaced by a newer one because everyone who uses this room is not happy with the current sound system. For the next ELAC meeting the new system should be in place. He clarified that the money was not coming from the fees, since this conference room is used by other agencies including the governor's office, the money will come from other sources.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no changes suggested to the minutes from March 08, 2012 meeting, but it could not be officially approved because a quorum was not present.

ADEQ UPDATE

The General Services Contract:

Julie Hoskin could not attend the meeting; Prabha Acharya conveyed the information that Julie had asked her to announce that the general services contract RFP was going to be out soon or was already out; the labs could go to the ADEQ website to get the necessary information on that.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

ALA Update:

Garry Brussels had nothing to report.

MALA Update:

Barbara gave an update, since Kim was not present at the meeting: MALA meeting was held a couple of weeks ago; the main topic was the recently promulgated MUR, what changes it was going to bring about and which methods ADHS was going to director approve and if ADHS was approving the newer version of Standard Methods BOD? The other topic of interest was the LDO and Situ methods for DO and BOD; do the labs have to get licensed for those methods or if the labs are already licensed for DO, can the labs reference 4500-O-G method instead?

Steve responded since the DO method can be run within 15 minutes, the labs have the option of either getting licensed or not; the license for BOD by LDO is required since it takes longer than 15 minutes to complete. He was not sure if the HACH method 10360 was approved as a complete method or just for the probe; he said it would be investigated and the correct information will be posted in the Information Update. Prabha added that for BOD, it is required to be licensed for DO with probe and BOD method also (since the meeting we have learnt that the HACH 10360 is a stand-alone method for DO, BOD and CBOD analysis).

Barbara added another topic of discussion was the new revisions of the BOD and Oil and Grease methods; Steve responded if a feedback is received in favor of the new revisions, he would approve them; there could be a potential problem having the same methods approved from different editions of SM, the labs then have the liberty to select the methods from the SM edition with a favorable quality control chapter associated with them; he was also thinking of approving the 22nd edition bypassing the 21st edition, so that it would be easily available to purchase; this process would have been easier if he could revise the rules; if the labs wanted to add the 21st edition BOD method, they will have to get licensed for it;

Finalizing Data Qualifiers:

Barbara: since the MUR is approved and the director approvals have been done, one can get back to the Data Qualifier subcommittee and finalize the list; Christina Hoppes said that she has brought copies of the latest DQ list and the subcommittee could meet after the ELAC meeting; Julie will not be attending today's meeting but she will be able to attend the next meeting in a couple of weeks. It was decided to meet after the ELAC meeting; Matt added the Data Qualifiers could be finalized during the September ELAC meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Training: Matt gave a report: Wastewater Operator Workshop was held on 5/16th and 29 people registered; there was a problem using ADEQ's WW operator list; next time he would use Steve's list. The next workshop planned is the SW/GW workshop on 11/6, 7 and 8th and is scheduled in this conference room; very popular workshop; the last one was held in 2009; \$200 for registration and can register online at the AZ Water Association web site; Barbara Escobar was enquiring if this could be held in Tucson; Maybe next year if all the logistics work out, one could alternate between Tucson and Phoenix. ADEQ trains for the WW Operator certification program, has an open test after the training and is free.

DMRQA: Kathryn was not present and she had informed Prabha that there was nothing to report.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting was scheduled for September 27, 2012; the meeting was adjourned.