

Richard shared data from a recent review of the "MRWRMS" study (Mogollon Rim Water Resource Management Study, 2008). This study was designed to identify and utilize alternatives to water resources to help Pine and Strawberry meet future water needs.

Since the time of publication several potential "alternatives" including trading for CAP water, partnering with SRP for Fossil Creek water, delivery of Blue Ridge water, slant drilling into the Mogollon Rim, and collection of annual rain water have all been determined not feasible solutions to additional water needs. The study recommended that drilling several deep water wells could be another solution that should be evaluated. Richard pointed out that the District has been able to purchase and drill deep wells over the last 5 years with a total of 4 deep wells scheduled to be on line by the end of this summer. In addition the cost of the 4 deep wells will be significantly less than cost estimates in the study.

We are well on the way to securing enough water to satisfy current and short term future water needs for Pine and Strawberry. However, drilling deep wells in northern Gila County has issues. Admittedly management of turbidity associated with drilling deep into the soft limestone in the area is one. Richard asked for patience and community support to allow CH2MHill experts time to address the turbidity issues providing a lasting solution to the community's water needs.

Tom Weeks reported that he noticed fire hydrants along Pine Creek Canyon Road that were not up to grade and questioned if the project was completed. Brad confirmed there was still work to be finished.

## **8) NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss and take possible action related to appointing a new Board Member to fill the vacant seat on the PSWID Board.

Four candidates submitted resumes to the Board Secretary for consideration. Each was allowed time to address the Board members prior to a written vote by the Board to select a candidate for appointment.

Ray Stephens presented to the Board. He also described his experience with turbidity in his water and demonstrated the results of a filtration system he installed for his home and business.

Russ Brock presented next.

Ray Pugel presented next.

Ron Frese was the fourth candidate to present.

After paper ballot the Board selected Ray Pugel to fill the vacant Board seat. Ray Pugel came forward, signed his oath of office, and took his seat at the table.

- b. Discuss and take possible action related to election of officers for 2013.

Gary Lovetro opened nominations for Chairman, and nominated Ray Pugel. There were no additional nominations. Gary asked for a second to close Chairman nominations. Mike Claxton seconded motion to close nominations for Chairman. Ray Pugel was elected as Board Chairman for 2013.

Ray Pugel asked that Gary Lovetro chair the remainder of the meeting. Gary agreed.

Ron Calderon nominated Gary Lovetro for Vice Chair. There were no additional nominations. Gary moved to close nominations for Vice Chair. Mike Claxton seconded.

Gary Lovetro was elected as Vice Chairman for 2013.

Gary Lovetro nominated Ron Calderon for Treasurer. Tom Weeks nominated Sam Schwalm for Treasurer. Gary closed nominations for Treasurer. Mike Claxton seconded close of nominations.

Vote 5 for Ron Calderon 2 for Sam Schwalm

Ron Calderon was elected Treasurer for 2013.

Mike Claxton nominated Richard Dickinson for Secretary. Gary moved to close nominations for Secretary. Tom Weeks seconded.

Richard Dickinson was elected Secretary for 2013.

- c. Discuss and take possible action related to specific requested topics by Mr. Schwalm that were not included on this meeting's agenda.

Sam expressed his thoughts related to items selected for meeting agendas, ways to build public trust, and transparency associated with Board actions. He did not agree with established procedure as described in the District Rules and Regulations that the Board Chairman and Board Secretary develop meeting agendas with input from Board Members. He indicated that Board Members should be able to schedule any agenda item for Board discussion and vote they desired. He also suggested further investigation into Mike Greer's use of the CH2MHill company credit card issue. He suggested further investigation would help build public trust and promote transparency.

Gary responded explaining that the reason he decided not to add further discussion related to the credit card issue as an agenda item was that the District had concluded an internal audit of the issue, the District Auditor had researched the issue, and there was currently an audit under way by the Arizona State Auditor General concerning the issue. Gary stated that he had explained to Sam that further investigation at this time might lead to confusion and wasn't necessary.

Further Board member discussion related to reasons to minimize use of committees by the Board. Procedures of committees are governed by Arizona Open Meeting Law, and therefore development of committees opens another level of potential liability for the Board related to OML. In addition action of committees has in the past led to confusion and was less efficient when compared to internal policy.

Motion – to put all items requested by Sam on the meeting agenda for March – Gary

Second – Ron Calderon

Vote – 2 yes - 4 against. (Ray Pugel abstained) Motion failed.

(15 minute Break)

Meeting called back to order by Gary Lovetro at 7:30PM.

## 9) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss and take possible action related to public access to the District Rules and Regulations.

Sam introduced his motion.

Motion – PSWID post current version of PSWID Rules and Regulations on the website, and provide upon request a paper copy to any customer that requests one – Sam Schwalm

December 10, 2012

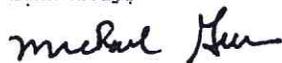
To: Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District

Attn: Gary Lovetro

I Michael Greer hear by resign from Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District Board.

If you have any questions you can reach me @ 480 233-1066

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Greer".

Michael Greer



# OATH OF OFFICE

## Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District

I, the undersigned, hereby execute this document in compliance with A.R.S. § 38-231 and § 11-542:

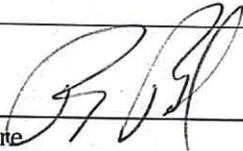
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO TAKE LOYALTY OATH; CLASSIFICATION; DEFINITION

- A. In order to ensure the statewide application of this section on a uniform basis, each board, commission, agency and independent office of this state, and of any of its political subdivisions, and of any county, city, town, municipal corporation, school district and public educational institution, shall completely reproduce this section so that the form of written oath or affirmation required in this section contains all of the provisions of this section for use by all officers and employees of all boards, commissions, agencies and independent offices.
- B. Any officer or employee who fails to take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation provided by this section within the time limits prescribed by this section is not entitled to any compensation until the officer or employee does so take and subscribe to the form of oath or affirmation prescribed by this section.
- C. Any officer or employee having taken the form of an oath or affirmation prescribed by this section and knowingly at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, or at any time thereafter during the officer's or employee's term of office or employment, does commit or aid in the commission of any act to overthrow by force, violence or terrorism defined in section 13-2301 the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions, or advocates the overthrow by force, violence or terrorism as defined in section 13-2301 of the government of this state or of any of its political subdivisions, is guilty of a class 4 felony and, on conviction under this section, the officer or employee is deemed discharged from the office or employment and is not entitled to any additional compensation or any other emoluments or benefits which may have been incident or appurtenant to the office or employment.
- D. Any of the persons referred to in article XVIII, section 10, Constitution of Arizona, as amended, relating to the employment of aliens, are exempted from any compliance with this section.
- E. In addition to any other form of oath or affirmation specifically provided by law for an officer or employee, before any officer or employee enters upon the duties of the office or employment, the officer or employee shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: (Below)
- F. For the purposes of this section, "officer or employee" means any person elected, appointed or employed, either on a part-time or full time basis, by this state or any of its political subdivisions or any county, city, town, municipal corporation, school district or public educational institution or any board, commission or agency of any county, city, town, municipal corporation, school district or public educational institution.

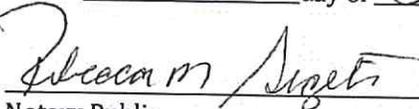
A.R.S. § 38-231 (E) Oath:

State of Arizona, County of Maricopa GILA

I, Ray Pugel do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of office of PSWID according to the best of my ability, so help me God (or so do I affirm).

  
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 Signature

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me on this 17 day of Jan, 2013  
 (SEAL)

  
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 Notary Public

