

ARIZONA UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2017

The Arizona Utility Coordinating Committee serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge.

PRESENT

Connie Peretz	AZUCA	Dennis Aust	Chandler
Dan Nissen	Peoria	Gregg Kent	Tempe
David Cross	MCDOT	Justin Isner	Mesa
Jamie Lando	SRP	Kristy Lopez	MCDOT
Lori Greco	Mesa	Leann Johnson	Chandler
Will Fielder	SW Gas	Steve DiDomenico	Mesa
Al Field	Al Field and Assoc.	Zach Stevenson	SW Gas
Anthony Patterson	SRP	AJ Kerin	Gilbert
Bob Trzepkowski	SRP		

Meeting Called to Order/Attendance

- ✓ Will Fielder, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am
- ✓ Introductions/Attendance sheet circulated. Quorum was met.

Previous Meeting Minutes

- ✓ April 4, 2017 meeting minutes reviewed and approved as stands.

Safety Minute

- ✓ The weather is heating up, be aware of Heat Stress prevention by drinking enough water and electrolytes.

Guest Speaker-A Contractors Perspective-Patrick Holmes, Team Fishel. Patrick reminded attendees that a good way to minimize project costs is to use the PIPG, Public Improvement Project Guide, that was developed by this committee and adopted by APWA National as a guideline for building/planning/implementing projects. He reviewed the contents and the benefits of using the guide. He discussed the different types of utility locating tickets and which type of ticket is appropriate in different scenarios. He reviewed some of the challenges contractors face with markings, preconstruction meetings and differing standards/enforcement from city to city. Encourages all parties to participate in pre-con meeting as changes are made on site. He discussed the DOT [ASCE 38-02](#), the standard guideline for the collection and depiction of existing subsurface utility data and benefits using the Federal Highway Administrations SUE or Subsurface Utility Engineering process. Case Studies are [here](#) showing cost savings.

Project Updates-

SW Gas-Approved for about 3x increase in high pressure pipeline distribution a year from 20 million to 65 million.

Mesa- Replacing permitting system to allow online permitting and accept payments. Will go live on June 12th. Final Training is June 7th by [Steve DiDomenico](#)-contact him for questions. Reminded about pavement cut restrictions and that map availability [online](#).

SW Gas-Chandler- Project in Chandler on Arizona Ave. between Ocotillo to Queen Creek.

SRP-Experiencing clearance issues with overhead lines on residential pool and/or shed projects. Permits need to be flagged.

Chandler- 5 year CIP is out on line.

Gilbert- 311 app is available for residents with contacts for different departments. Article [here](#).

Peoria- Road construction on 103rd Ave. between Northern & Olive. Council adopted final budget.

Staffing Updates-

SW Gas- Will Fielder and Jeremy Elser rotated into new workgroups. Zach Stevenson is the Franchise supervisor for SWG East Operations and Adam Shochat is the Franchise supervisor for SWG West Operations.

Peoria- New Development & Engineering Director-Adina Lund. Org Chart [here](#).

Chandler-Anew Inspector-Joaquin Campos.

Next Meeting: August 1 @ Arizona 811, 9:30 am