

# ARIZONA UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2014

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	Kim Noetzel	Arizona 811
Dan Nissen	Peoria	Matt Tuttle	SW Gas
Kelly Roy	MCDOT	Richard Wallace	Jacobs
Lori Greco	Mesa	Ronijean Grant-Sloan	Century Link
Marcus Watanabe	SW Gas	Ryan Earwood	SRP
Sandra Holmes	Arizona 811	Vicki Bever	ADOT
Al Field	Al Field & Assoc.	Devin Warren	SRP
Ben Goddard	BPG Designs	Steve Lopez	SRP
Chintan Jhaveri	Trace Consulting	Derek Blake	City of Chandler
David Cross	MCDOT	Brian Neves	MCDOT
Jami Erickson	Phoenix		

## MEETING CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

- ✓ Lori Greco, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
- ✓ Introductions/Attendance sheet circulated.

## August 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- ✓ Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as stands.

## Safety Minute

Be aware that children will be on fall break in October and be outside on their bikes and playing outdoors.

## Guest Speakers:

### Devin Warren, SRP System Improvement for Apple Project

Originally the Mesa facility was developed as a plant for First Solar with over one million square feet of space. The site was considered and selected by an unknown entity once the large load capacity and scope of development was determined to be able to meet the aggressive delivery schedule by stakeholders; Arizona Commerce Authority, CPEC, Mesa, DMB and SRP. In August 2013 the load serving request was made to have McGinnis substation energized by the middle of 2014. In October the customer was revealed as Apple and a NDA signed. The delivery date was pushed forward from June to May to April. Maps of the substations and transmission lines were reviewed by committee. Solar field will utilized to offset load demands. Project Challenges; changed engineering firms three weeks into project, the new firm changed the specifications, continual pushing of schedule, safety concerns with so many subs and deliveries (no injuries were reported during construction), resources and outage requirements.

### Richard Wallace, Jacobs Engineering Group, MCDOT Traffic Control Manual

The purpose in updating the manual is to implement a more consistent process for traffic control set ups, permit applications and increase focus on public safety issues. The committee reviewed the various manual chapters covering the manual purpose, traffic control plan requirements, the review process, safety guidelines, special events, temporary traffic control, uniformed officers/flaggers, pedestrian safety, and sample traffic control applications. The manual was available in hard copy and was posted online for additional review and feedback from industry stakeholders. Feedback should be sent to John Counts 602-506-4324, [johncounts@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:johncounts@mail.maricopa.gov), or to Brian Neves 602-506-4326, [brianneves@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:brianneves@mail.maricopa.gov). The manual is projected to go live on January 1, 2015.

### Vicki Bever, ADOT South Mountain Corridor

ADOT is committed to this inaugural Public Private Partnership (P3). The project has gone through the final environmental analysis and should have the record of decision finalized by June 2015. Vicki reviewed the proposed pathway that follows the reservation boundary on the Phoenix side and Maricopa Country along Pecos. An international bid request was sent out for the \$1.8B project that will include 77 structures, 22 miles, one railroad crossing, utilities and a 3,000 foot long bridge. The short list of 3-4 bidders should be selected by the end of October with the selection of one developer with the project divided into four sections. It is

projected that by Oct. 2015 the project will be underway. Coordination meeting with the utilities for developing a relocation plan is scheduled in the next two weeks.

**Other Business**

**Nomination Committee:** Lori Greco, Dan Nissan, Al Field, Steve DiDomenico and Connie Peretz will meet prior to the next meeting to determine potential candidates for the 2015 AUCC officers.

**Staffing Updates:**

Chandler, Dan Cook  
Arizona 811, Kim Noetzel, Public Services Manager  
City of Mesa, Matt Frost, Mesa Utility Coordinator  
MCDOT, Kelly Roy, Branch Manager

**Next Meeting:**

MCDOT-Prior Rights Request Process

**Next Meeting: Dec. 2, 2014, 10:00 am, Arizona 811 – Holiday Potluck**