

DATE: October 23, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 2540 W. Apache Trail, Suite 108; Apache Junction, AZ 85120

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paul Jepson called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jepson led the Management Committee, guests, and CAG staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Paul Jepson, Alexis Rivera, Gloria Ruiz, Tami Ryall, Rob Wisler, Robert Aldous, Gilbert Lopez, David Malewitz, Tyler Bingham, Heather Wilkey, Todd Pryor

Members Absent: Jennifer Evans, James Menlove, Dean Hetrick, Troy Smith, Katy Proctor, Tim Grier

Staff: Andrea Robles, Angela Gotto, Zeena Gagnon

Guests: Brent Emmerton, Mike Krebs, Mike Harper

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was no Legislative Update provided.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. David Malewitz, City of Eloy, made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Rob Wisler, City of Apache Junction, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of the June 12, 2024, Management Committee Meeting Minutes

The June 12, 2024, Management Committee minutes were approved under Consent Agenda Item VI-A.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Andrea Robles updated the Committee on recent activities and meetings taking place at CAG. She stated that a financial statement would be prepared and sent off to the Management Committee and Regional Council in the next couple weeks. Ms. Robles stated that it's been a busy summer with multiple conferences. She stated that the Rural Transportation Summit was held October 16-18th in Prescott and the event was well attended. She stated that CAG submitted eleven projects for a little over \$24 million for the CAG Transportation Boundary. Ms. Robles stated that the City of Globe was awarded a SMART grant. She stated that the next Summit would be hosted by SEAGO and potentially held in Tucson. Ms. Robles stated that CAG had the opportunity to join Gila County and Martha Guzman, Regional Administrator of the EPA, to recognize the forgivable funding for citizens for the replacements of cesspools and old septic's that act as cesspools. She stated that this is the result of the Gila County Septic Study and that it is the first of it's kind in the state and possibly the nation. Ms. Robles stated that staff has been working with the City of Apache Junction on their CDBG grants and that she was excited to let the committee know that Ms. Angela Gotto applied for a

State Special Project through the Department of Housing and the City was awarded approximately a half million dollars for their park project. She stated that this is a competitive grant and we were one of six awarded. Ms. Robles stated the 29th Annual CAG Legislative Day was originally scheduled for January 23rd however due to the ACMA conference it would be scheduled for a later date and that information would follow. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) between CAG and Sun Corridor MPO for Mobility Management Services

Ms. Andrea Robles stated that the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO would continue their JPA for Mobility Management services for the 2025-2026 Federal Fiscal Year. She stated that ADOT has moved to a two-year funding cycle for the Mobility Management program and CAG was recently awarded the grant. Ms. Robles stated CAG applies on behalf of the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO regions. She stated that the JPA has been moved to a two year cycle as well and states that CAG and Sun Corridor will continue to work together and support the efforts of the grant. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. Mr. David Malewitz, City of Eloy, made a motion to approve and pass to Regional Council the Joint Planning Agreement between CAG and SCMPO for Mobility Management Services as presented. Mr. Gilbert Lopez, City of Coolidge, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 2024-05 approving the CAG 208 Plan Amendment for the Mountain Pass Utility Company SaddleBrooke Ranch Water Reclamation Plant Expansion

Ms. Andrea Robles stated that the 208 Plan Amendment for the Mountain Pass Utility Company SaddleBrooke Ranch Water Reclamation Plant Expansion will be presented by Mr. Brent Emmerton. She stated that the stakeholder was held and received letters of support from all stakeholders. Ms. Robles stated that the public hearing was held on October 8, 2024 and the only comment received was regarding traffic congestion in the area during construction. She stated that on October 10, 2024 the CAG Environmental Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amendment.

Mr. Brent Emmerton provided a short presentation that provided an overview and purpose of the water reclamation plant expansion. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. Mr. Rob Aldous, City of Casa Grande, made a motion to approve and pass to Regional Council Resolution No. 2024-05 approving the CAG 208 Plan Amendment for the Mountain Pass Utility Company SaddleBrooke Ranch Water Reclamation Plant Expansion as presented. Mr. Rob Wisler, City of Apache Junction, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution No. 2024-06 approving the CAG 208 Plan Amendment for the Tri-City Regional Sanitary District

Ms. Andrea Robles stated that the Tri-City Regional Sanitary District plan amendment addresses a new location for the proposed wastewater treatment facility. She stated that letters of support have been received from each of the stakeholders. Ms. Robles stated that several comments were received from members of the public regarding rate increases and those have been noted as well as residents informed that CAG is only involved in the planning process and does not have anything to do with the rates that will be implemented by Tri-City Regional Sanitary District.

Mr. Mike Krebs provided a short presentation that provided an overview of the previous location, why the new location was necessary, the proposed new location and the expansion of the DMA boundary. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. Mr. Gilbert Lopez, City of Coolidge, made a motion to approve and pass to Regional Council Resolution No. 2024-06 approving the CAG 208 Plan Amendment for the Tri-City Regional Sanitary District as presented. Ms. Heather Wilkey, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0 with Alexis Rivera, Town of Miami, recusing himself.

D. CAG FY2024 – FY2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Andrea Robles informed the committee that a project from the Town of Payson no longer qualified for STBG funds due to it being a non-classified road. She stated that the Town was given some time to come back with a proposal for those funds. Ms. Robles stated that the Town of Payson moved up one of their projects to an earlier year which then freed up money to allow the projects in the TIP to move a year forward and provided a summary of those projects. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. Mr. David Malewitz, City of Eloy, made a motion to approve and pass to Regional Council the CAG FY2024 – FY2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented. Mr. Alexis Rivera, Town of Miami, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Department Updates

Planning Development

Ms. Angela Gotto informed the committee that staff has completed the MAG Contract and as part of that contract, members within Pinal County assisted with traffic count locations within their municipality. She stated that MAG does intend to count the majority of those locations. Ms. Gotto stated that staff is currently providing Davis-Bacon Labor Standards monitoring for fourteen WIFA projects as well as two upcoming projects. She stated that annexations, residential completions and demolitions were reported to the State Demographers Office for use in the development of the July 1, 2024 population estimates. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Ms. Angela Gotto stated the Town of Miami Keystone Stairs Rehabilitation project went out for bid on October 16th with proposals due on November 18th. She stated that the Town of Star Valley and Town of Winkelman Invitations to Bid will be going out in December. She stated that the CDBG Regional Account applications have been submitted and approved for the City of Apache Junction, City of Globe, Town of Hayden. Ms. Gotto stated that CAG would be providing CDBG Administration for the City of Apache Junction, City of Globe, Town of Hayden and Town of Payson this year.

Ms. Gotto stated that she applied for a State Special Projects competitive CDBG grant on behalf of the City of Apache Junction. She stated that this is a competitive grant and that eligible entities could apply for up to \$780,000 this funding cycle. Ms. Gotto stated they applied for \$489,500 to complete improvements to the Superstition Shadows Park. She stated that CAG would also be administering this project. Ms. Gotto stated that the Town of Kearny Hubbard Park Improvements and the Town of Superior Lime Street Improvements have been completed and closed out with ADOH. She provided a brief presentation that included project cost, construction timeframe, and photos of each of the projects. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

X. CALL TO THE COMMITTEE

The members present provided updates on their communities.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

The next Management Committee Meeting will be held on February 12, 2025.

XII. ADJOURN

Ms. Gloria Ruiz, Town of Winkelman, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Heather Wilkey, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. Chairman Paul Jepson adjourned the meeting at 3:06 PM.