

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

The West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee met on September 17th at the Panhandle Health District Office in Kellogg. In attendance were local residents and DEQ staff. The meeting began with Mark Boyle reporting that DEQ had been awarded the Targeted Airshed Grant for approximately \$2.5 million. This was slightly less than what had been sought initially. DEQ will need to adjust its proposal and resubmit the numbers to EPA by Friday September 25th. Ralph Paul reported that there had been good participation with the “No idling Signs” around the valley and another 10 ‘car’ signs were obtained. He also reported to the group about speaking with the Wallace Chamber of Commerce which went well. Several group members present at the meeting agreed that it went well and generated interest in the WSVCAC group. The group reviewed the no idling sticker and suggested minor changes. The changes will be made and the sticker sent out for final approval. The draft burn ordinance was reviewed by the group. The ordinance was ‘marked up’ with changes to be made before sending it on to the County Commission for review.

Agenda - Notes September 17th

1. Introductions - In attendance for the August 20th meeting were Carol Young, Andy Helkey and Rene Gilbert: DEQ staff Mark Boyle, Ralph Paul and Denna Grangaard.
2. Committee Business
 - New Business - Mark Boyle reported that DEQ had been awarded the Targeted Airshed Grant for approximately \$2.5 million. This was slightly less than what had been sought initially. DEQ will need to adjust its proposal and resubmit the numbers to EPA by Friday September 25th. Mark indicated that it was just a matter of reducing the amount money each of the proposed programs would receive so the DEQ proposal matched the EPA grant award.
3. Action Items
 - No Idling signs – Ralph informed the group that there was good participation around the valley with the signs. The School District, Avista, and the Shoshone Medical Center had installed signs. Mountain Health was interested in putting some up. Ralph informed the group that he had obtained 10 additional signs and these were available to whoever wanted them.
 - Meetings – Chamber of Commerce meeting – Ralph reported that he had spoken to the Wallace Chamber of Commerce about the WSVCAC; who were they and why the group was formed. He felt that the talk went well and generated interest in the group. Several members of the group that were present also felt the talk went well.
 - Messaging – Brochure/magnet/sticker/seasonal message – The group reviewed the “no idling” sticker and suggested some minor changes to it. Mark will send

the request to DEQ's Outreach group to have the changes made and resend to the group for approval. Ralph asked the group if they wanted to send out a seasonal open burning message. The group thought that was a good idea and Carol volunteered to get it accomplished. Ralph provided the group with a couple of example documents for the group to use. He will send electronic copies to Carol so she can make adjustments and add the group's logo/name to the press release.

4. Topic Discussion

- **Draft Ordinance** – The group reviewed the draft ordinance. Ralph went through the ordinance section by section to make sure it was clear and he explained that some of the wording came from existing rules. The group suggested some edits and moving requirements to other sections of the proposed ordinance for clarity. Ralph will update the ordinance and send it back out to the group for review.

5. **Comments** – No comments were received.

6. **Next meeting** – October 15th 6 - 7 PM
Pinehurst City Hall

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