



SRP TASK FORCE MEETING
01 April 2008 6:40pm
San Tan Conference Room

Call to order

Roll Call

Present:

Stephanie Winn	SRP
Marion Memmott	SRP Task Force Member
Richard Turman	SRP Task Force Member
James Miner	SRP Task Force Member
Karen Fehlan	SRP Task Force Member
Pamela Zamacona	SRP Task Force Member
Thomas Schuett	SRP Task Force Member
Tom Condit	Town of Queen Creek
Lauren Krepitch	Town of Queen Creek

- ◆ The Task Force approved the January 08, 2008 Meeting minutes.
- ◆ Everyone agreed that the Scottsdale Memorandum is comprehensive therefore giving the group a general outlook on undergrounding power lines.
- ◆ SRP's Stephanie Winn gave a presentation of the Queen Creek SRP 69,000 volt (69kV) System Power Line (2008-2010 and 2011-2013 Plans). A dynamic discussion ensued from the presentation.

Highlights and Key Points that came up during the dialogue:

- Undergrounding power lines at the moment is more costly than putting up overhead power lines. Average cost is \$3.5 million per mile for single circuit and \$7 million per mile for double circuit.
- There is 1200 miles of 69kV lines in the SRP service territory and 6 miles of which are underground.
- Per Mr. Memmott's inquiry, Ms. Winn will get more information regarding the "life expectancy" of underground power lines compared to the overhead power lines.
- SRP builds 69kV lines based on the need of the community as determined by population, growth and expansion. It works closely with the City/Town as established by the respective City/Town's General and Economic Plans.

- Utilities such as sewer, water, telephone lines, cable, etc are among the factors to take into consideration when building underground power lines. In this manner, Mr. Schuett inquired about the possibility of building a “utility tunnel.”
 - Town of Queen Creek Community Development Director, Tom Condit expressed that despite the difficult economic and housing market situation, the Town can still put undergrounding power lines as a goal depending on the community’s need as the economy becomes more stable.
 - Mr. Memmott suggested that due to the high cost of power line undergrounding projects, the QC Downtown Area/Town Center (Ellsworth and Ocotillo) should be given priority.
 - Mr. Schuett recommended to look at the “total picture” (cost, reliability, maintenance, aesthetics value, building impact fees from developers, etc.) and see how this connects to the Town’s General Plan and Growth goals.
 - Ms. Winn emphasized that there are no definite studies identifying the dangers (or otherwise) of being in close proximity to SRP Stations, and underground power lines in particular. She however pointed out that overhead power lines are 40 feet above ground level while underground power lines are 8 feet below the ground.
- ◆ As the group agreed on the QC Town Center being considered as a priority area for undergrounding power lines, Mr. Condit recommended that the Task Force include this as a separate topic in next meeting’s agenda.

In this regard Mr. Schuett suggested making an “overlay” of SRP Projects vis-à-vis the QC General Plan and QC Town Center boundaries.

- ◆ Mr. Schuett emphasized SRPs need to give more detailed information to potential residents ahead of time with regards to future projects as this would greatly affect home purchasing decisions.
- ◆ Ms. Winn presented the SRP Gateway Web page which is a direct result of one of the SRP Task Force recommendations.
- ◆ Town of Queen Creek Management Assistant Lauren Krepitch discussed the possible nomination for the SRP Task Force Chairperson. The group agreed to discuss this matter more thoroughly at a meeting with all members present.
- ◆ Review of Original Task Force Recommendations, including potentially recommending new signage to alert residents to 69kV sitings, and Plan of Action to be included in next meeting’s agenda.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.