



SRP TASK FORCE MEETING
06 October 2008 7:00pm
Council Chambers

Call to order

Roll Call

Task Force members present:

Pamela Zamacona - Chairperson
Karen Fehlan
James Miner
Thomas Schuett
Marion Memmott
Richard Turman

Task Force members absent:

Monte Nevitt

Members of the Public present:

Bill Fischbach Resident

Others present:

Lauren Krepitch	Committee Manager/Queen Creek staff
Jeff Brown	Queen Creek Town Council
Tom Condit	Queen Creek staff
Wayne Balmer	Queen Creek staff
Stephanie Winn	SRP
Tom Novy	SRP
Michael Warner	SRP Consultant (Transcon Environmental)

Public Comment

Bill Fischbach, Town of Queen Creek resident, expressed opposition to putting SRP poles along Rittenhouse Road.

Discussion

- ◆ Task Force member James Miner motioned the approval of the August 4, 2008 meeting minutes. Task Force member Karen Fehlan seconded the motion, all approved.
- ◆ SRP's Stephanie Winn gave an update of the 230 kV Abel –Moody open houses. She mentioned that the final routes will be presented at an open house to be scheduled near the end of October.
- ◆ SRP's Tom Novy presented the current Abel-Moody composite map.

Highlights of his presentation:

- ✓ Pointed out and gave details of sensitivity areas and why certain roadways were determined to be either high, medium or low sensitivities.
- ✓ Received overwhelming responses and comments from the public on having the project site along the railroad tracks.
- ✓ Mr. Novy mentioned that it would be 12-15 times more costly to underground 230 kV lines then to place overhead.
- ✓ Task Force Chairperson Pam Zamacona suggested using the money that SRP pays the Town to purchase easements for aesthetics issues such as landscaping that would alleviate the negative visual impact the SRP Power lines creates.
- ✓ Town resident Bill Fischbach suggested trees, modified landscape or other aesthetic structures to lessen the visual impact the project may have particularly in the residential areas.
- ✓ Town of Queen Creek Community Development Director Tom Condit expressed concern that Town designs/plans not completed at the time this SRP project is finalized, possible challenges could be presented in terms of future projects for the Town, i.e. freeways, interchanges, overpasses, etc.

In this regard, Mr. Novy stated that it would cost \$200,000 to replace 2 power line poles.

- ◆ Below are Task Force members deliberations based on the information presented by SRP:
 - ✓ Task Force members reviewed Resolution 748-08 related to Council approved criteria for the siting of the Abel-Moody line.
 - ✓ Task Force member Thomas Schuett expressed profound concern over the priority level of the siting process stating that current residential development should always take precedence over other sensitivities, such as future residential or commercial.
 - ✓ Based on the siting criteria included in the Town Council's Resolution 748-08, Task Force members agreed as a preferred alignment: The Germann Road alignment east to Meridian, Signal Butte, or ¼ mile east of Meridian. Specifically, the proposed alignment:
 - Maximizes the use of areas designated for employment use in the Town's adopted General Plan;
 - Is located in primarily undeveloped areas where the alignment is known prior to development;
 - Avoids Queen Creek's "Town Center" area;
 - Minimizes adversely affecting the public view and appreciation of the San Tan mountains; and
 - Avoids substantial existing residential and commercial development.
 - ✓ Additional comment on the other alternate routes were as follows:
 - The railroad corridor should be avoided, particularly through the Town Center area between the intersection with Queen Creek Road on the west and Signal Butte Road on the east.
 - No southern routes are supported, due to concerns related to existing residential developments and aesthetic considerations with the nearby San Tan Mountains.
- ◆ Mr. Condit thanked the group for a productive discussion and input and encouraged anyone interested in attending the Oct. 15 Town Council Meeting, where a resolution on this line siting project will be presented.
- ◆ Ms. Zamacona motioned the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Miner seconded the motion.

PREPARED BY: Regina Murella. October 8, 2008

PASSED AND APPROVED ON:

June 2, 2009

Pamela Zamacona, Chairman