

Meeting #29
January 14, 2015
MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Attendees

Community Working Group members present:

Nancy Vogler – LOST Trail
Fred Gaudet – Arizona Trail Association alternate
Bill Vogler – Superior Copper Alliance
Bruce Wittig – Queen Valley Water Board
Cecil Fendley – Queen Valley Water Board
Anthony Huerta – Town of Superior
George Martin – JF Ranch
Lynn Martin – JF Ranch
Mark Nipp – Town of Superior

Community Working Group members not present:

Dominic Perea – Superior Junior-Senior High School
Steven Byrd – Superior Junior-Senior High School
Mark Siegwarth – Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Matt Nelson – Arizona Trail Association
Neal Jensen – Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center
Evelyn Vargas – Cobre Valley Medical Center
Kiki Peralta – Superior Rotary Club
Nina Crowder – Superior Rotary Club alternate
Patrick O'Donnell – Superior Unified School District #15
Rick Cartier – Superior Chamber of Commerce alternate
Pamela Rabago – Superior Chamber of Commerce
Pam Bennett – Queen Valley Homeowners Association
Roy Chavez - Concerned Citizens and Retired Miners
Michael Lira – Central Arizona College
Jeff Bunkelmann – Central Arizona College
JoAnn Besich – Superior Optimist Club

Resolution Copper Company:

Kami Ballard – environmental permitting
Jim Schenck – Manager for Communities & Social Performance
Frank Deal – Tailings Manager
Casey McKeon – environmental permitting
Michael Betom – Community Relations

Facilitator – Godec, Randall & Associates (GRA)

John Godec
Debra Duerr

Public Guests:

Shawn Redfield - Arizona Trail Association
Approximately 15 Queen Valley residents

Group members who were able to attend the field trip met at the Superior Chamber of Commerce at 2:00 PM. CWG members and Resolution Copper representatives drove to the turnoff to Hewitt Station Road at Highway 60, where several others joined. The group proceeded on Forest Service roads to the approximate center of the proposed tailings disposal location, where Frank Deal of Resolution provided information about the facility. He described the location, extent, height, tailings placement approach, and reclamation procedures for the tailings pile.



A number of Queen Valley residents followed the group to the site in their own vehicles. These visitors voiced concerns about the tailings proposal, and asked questions about its location, safety, Resolution’s financial responsibility for accidents, impacts to wildlife, and the potential for disruption of recreational trails and roads used by many for off-road vehicle access.



Following the tailings site visit, the group was invited to the Martins' ranch to get an idea of the proximity of the tailings pile to that residential area.



Several CWG members and staff had dinner together after the field trip. There was no formal meeting of the group.

Future Meeting Planning

The next meeting will include the topic of water resources, with an invited water attorney guest.

Next Community Working Group Meeting

5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Meeting Location

Superior Chamber of Commerce

165 W. Main Street

Superior AZ

Godec informed the group that the facilitators will not be available for the regularly-scheduled March meeting on the second Wednesday, and the group agreed to meet on the alternate date of:

Thursday, March 19