



MEETING SUMMARY

November 9, 2022

CWG Members Present

1. Amanda Moors, AZ Wildlife Federation (Zoom)
2. Alexis Rivera, Miami Town Manager
3. Bruce Wittig, Queen Valley Fire Department
4. Carol Schumacker, Queen Valley Historical Society
5. Fernando Shipley, City of Globe/Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center
6. Fred Gaudet, AZ Trail Association (Zoom)
7. Jim Schenck, Rebuild Superior, Legends of Superior Trail
8. Joanne Besich, Optimists of Superior
9. Lynne Nemeth, Boyce Thompson Arboretum
10. Mila Besich, Mayor of Superior
11. Rick Cartier, Superior Chamber of Commerce
12. Silvia Ware, Citizen, Top of the World (Zoom)
13. Todd Pryor, Superior Town Manager

Resolution Copper Company

1. Dave Richins (Zoom)

CWG Facilitators – Godec, Randall & Associates (GRA)

1. John Godec
2. Jody LoMenzo

Welcome and Introductions

John Godec welcomed everyone to the meeting which was and will continue to be held in the Town of Superior Offices old library room.

Alexis Rivera, Manager of the Town of Miami, Arizona, was introduced as the newest CWG member and warmly welcomed by the group. Godec noted that having more representation from surrounding municipalities will benefit the greater Superior/Copper Mining region, fostering more communication.

Member Announcements

CWG member Lynne Nemeth announced that the Boyce Thompson Arboretum has entered into a new partnership with Arizona State University. Research fellows from the School of Natural Sciences will be on site and establishing a variety of projects.

Status of Good Neighbor Agreement:

Dave Richins and the group discussed the ongoing permitting issues and the U.S. Forest Service.

Richins shared that Resolution's primary owner, Rio Tinto, was having an attorney review the draft Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA). Members of the CWG expressed concern that Rio Tinto lawyers were now involved in the drafting of the agreement. They reiterated that the intent of the GNA is that both parties work together to craft an agreement that will have long-lasting effects on the stewardship of the land, protect natural resources including water supply, land reclamation, traffic and infrastructure growth, economic development, housing, healthcare and hospitals and increased need for more schools and support the use of dialogue and consensus to avoid litigation.

2023 CWG Objectives Discussion

As has been the case many times over the years of meetings, Resolution representatives are asked to leave the meeting so CWG members can candidly discuss issues and priorities for the coming year and plan meeting agendas.

The following action items were agreed upon by the CWG:

- The CWG will focus on development and ratification of the actively discussed and planned 'Good Neighbor Agreement' with Resolution Copper. The group expects this plan to be completed and in place within an April – June 2023 timeframe.
- The CWG will actively support and encourage the completion of the currently rescinded Resolution Copper Land Exchange Final Environmental Impact Statement and draft Record of Decision.
- The group is asking Resolution Copper to support the Recreational Use Plan crafted by the Recreational User's Group – a subcommittee of the CWG. The plan was developed over a several year period by a coalition of users and stakeholders and presented to USFS at their request and encouragement. Tonto supported and staffed that group to achieve the plan submitted.
- The CWG wants to proceed with producing and supporting a 'Water Summit' in 2023. The summit would be developed in cooperation with the Queen Creek Water Group and intended to discuss and reveal as many of the issues possible around water quantity and water quality relative to development of the Resolution Copper project. Summit planning would focus on how, when and specific summit content.
- The CWG will actively advocate for the extension and continuation of existing agreements established between Resolution Copper and various community organizations. To that ends the group also encourages transparency around those agreements to the greatest extent possible.
- The CWG plans a joint meeting with Chicanos Por La Causa to discuss the role and influence that the CWG might have on that organizations association with Resolution Copper and the Town of Superior.

- Invite ADOT to a CWG meeting early in 2023 to discuss plans for the 2023 Queen Creek and Waterfall Canyon Bridge projects, particularly rehabilitation and plans for parking and access to trails. ADOT construction advertising is expected Spring 2023 with construction to start Summer 2023.
- The CWG wants to focus attention on Superior housing and workforce support issues particularly, but not exclusively, because of a projected Resolution mining project and the expected influx of temporary construction workers.
- The CWG would like to receive a presentation on the process, status and results of the current Social Impact Analysis currently being conducted by a Rio Tinto contractor relative to the Resolution Mining project.

After an initial review of the priorities developed at the November 9, meeting one additional priority was suggested and generally agreed upon:

- The CWG would like to discuss Regional Economic Development in 2023, with a presentation from Trevor Barger on his work for Superior and the Copper Corridor.

Note: Resolution Copper will be developing a Regional Economic Development (RED) Strategy in 2023 which will be co-designed with the community. It has been suggested that the CWG might offer a subcommittee similar to the Water Quality Group or Recreation User's Group (RUG) that could provide that community perspective.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 pm
The Public is Welcome

About the Superior Community Working Group

The [Superior Community Working Group](#) (CWG) is made up of residents and stakeholders from the Town of Superior, Queen Valley and other area community groups.

The group explores a wide range of topics related to copper mining, interests of Copper Triangle communities, environmental concerns, economic development, and the proposed Resolution Copper mining project.

About Resolution Copper

The [Resolution Copper](#) project is a proposed underground mine 60 miles east of Phoenix, Arizona, near the town of Superior. The project is a joint venture owned by [Rio Tinto](#) (55%) and [BHP](#) (45%).

The ore deposit lies nearly 7,000 feet below the earth's surface. It represents one of the most significant untapped copper deposits today, with an estimated copper resource of 1.787 billion metric tons. The mine has the potential to supply nearly 25% of US copper demand.