



ON-SITE SYSTEMS TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

SUMMARY OF ACTION



8 March 06

Members Present: Mark Musial PE, Chairman, Joel Neimeyer PE, Vice Chairman, Bill Schnable, PhD, Linda Kovac, Homeowner, Jay Marvin, Homeowner

Advisory Members:

Staff Present: Dan Roth, Program Manager, Kathy Maricle, Permit Clerk, Deb Wockenfuss, Engineer, Don Keefer, AWWU

Guests: Steven King, Utilities Analyst

Meeting called to order at 1140 by Mark Musial.

Introductions made by all present.

Dan Roth introduced Debbie Wockenfuss as the new On-Site Engineer.

Minutes from February 8, 2006 were approved and will be posted on the web site.

Board Members were given copies of the Wastewater Code; discussions were made regarding changing or adding some definitions. Board Members will look into adding definitions on curtain drains, decommissioning On-Site septic system, excessive slope, footing water and more. Dan Roth will check to see if there is an updated EPA Design Manual entitled "On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System" book, published after 1980.

The Board discussed at length its role with respect to single-family dwellings and multiple family dwellings. It was agreed that this issue would be revisited in light of what the Board's Charter is.

Dan stated that educating prospective homeowners that the house they are buying may not have reserve space for a replacement drain field is not a significant issue. In most cases, the existing drain field can be replaced by excavating out the existing soil and importing new soil appropriate for a drain field.

Dan stated though that Certificate of On-Site Systems Approval (COSA) is an area of concern. He stated that at most 75% of homes sold have a COSA completed and it is often the homes that really need an on-site assessment that do not get one completed. The Board discussed alternatives to this and agreed to look further into the question of requiring a COSA before a house title can be transferred. This would result in 100% completion of COSA's.