

PAWG SOCIOECONOMIC TASK GROUP

DECEMBER 14, 2004

TG Members Present: Roy L. Allen, BLM, 307-775-6196; Ron Hogan, Questar, 303-672-6922; Jay Anderson, Joe's Concrete/SOS Well Services, LLC, 307-276-3722; Stephen Reynolds, Industry, 307-631-6692, Carmel Kail, Citizen, 307-367-3058; Tom Burns, Citizen, 307-537-5888; Bob Jones, Shell (Industry), 307-367-7902; Ward Wise, Town, 307-367-4136

TG Members Not Present: Betty Wilkinson, Eric Sechrist, Jana Weber, Judi Adler, Robert Forbis, Cyd Goodrich, Mary Byrnes, Chris Trombly

Visitors: Marilyn Filkins, Sublette County Attorney's Office 307-367-2300; Bill Boender, Sublette County Examiner (newspaper); Randy Carpenter, Sonoran Institute

Meeting held: At Pinedale library Lovatt Rm, 10 am – 6:30 pm

Minutes taken by: Roy Allen.

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. Second and approved.

- TG review of Protocol drafted by Roy Allen. TG endorsed protocol generally, and Roy will make a few adjustments in response to points raised during group discussion. (see below)
- Steve Reynolds presented a historical monthly rig count graph for the Anticline for years 2000-2004. This will be included in TG report and be used to compare other historical data graphs
- Ron Hogan addressed the constraint for rig numbers
 - National availability of rigs
 - BLM permits for year round drilling
- Ron also suggested
 - It is important to update the rig count information annually
 - The historic data at should begin in 2000
- Roy Allen reported that he had contacted Prill regarding the issuance of a BLM letter to lessees/operators requesting projections of drilling plans, as TG requested previously. Roy will draft data request letter to operators/lessees once TG reaches consensus on query and then present to Prill.
- Education. Tom Burns presented results of his interviews with School Dist Supts. (see notes)
 - More information on family size needs to be added to protocol info request elements; demographics of families moving into the area are needed.
 - Schools have concern with salaries for support staff (see below). Oil & gas sector may hire these people away from the schools. Salary scale of oil and gas jobs directly competing with the school districts are needed so the schools can compete for those workers.
 - Recognize and have concerns that BLM or industry policy changes such as year round drilling, man camps, etc. may have an impact on enrollment.
 - School statistics summary
 - enrollment has been fairly flat
 - growth of 20 students since last year
 - Forecast a 1 to 2 percent increase in school enrollment per year for Pinedale
 - Total current enrollment in Pinedale school district is about 700
 - Big Piney school enrollment is declining
 - Total enrollment in Big Piney is about 650
 - Schools in both Pinedale and Big Piney are at 85 to 95 percent capacity

- Ron asked
 - How are the teachers funded?
 - Are they able to benefit from the revenues collected from the oil & gas activity?
 - The increased revenue from the oil & gas activity can't be used to fund higher salaries for teachers in Pinedale
 - Discussion of job types where schools may need to compete with the oil & gas industry
 - Drivers – cdl licenses (truck drivers, bus drivers, etc.)
 - Custodial staff
 - Clerical
 - Food services
 - Steve Reynolds will bring in a general wage schedule by job type for the oil & gas industry
- Emergency Medical Services report for South County (Jay Anderson)
 - Data
 - Reported the number of runs
 - Reported the equipment used on runs
 - Volunteers
 - Not enough for the workload – they can currently cover the workload, but are stretched
 - They only have enough volunteers to cover 2 ambulances
 - Marbleton has 3 paid EMTs
 - Jay said money is not an issue for supplying service
 - Ron asked if money was not the issue, then why can't more people be hired?
 - Answer – it may disrupt the volunteer system
 - Carmel added that the Boulder Fire Dept is thinking about going to paid firemen.
 - Housing Issues
 - Jay said Marbleton has approved 5 subdivisions
 - Ward Wise raised the concern about speed through Pinedale and suggested lower speed limits should be considered
 - Mental Health Carmel presented interview results from BP school officials: (see notes). Highlights:
 - Drugs, esp meth, a big and growing problem, some direct connection with gasfield workers
 - County needs full time 'prevention coordinator',
 - Rec center needed in south County (separate facilities for youth and adults?)
 - BOCES facilities / offerings need expanded, including at man-camp
 - Detox facility needed
 - Marilyn said County needs a facility to house people who are brought in involuntarily but need to be held temporarily (related to involuntary commitments and also possibly detox)
 - Marilyn said Marbleton needs to upgrade the SAFV safe house, and a new one needs to be built in Pinedale.
 - There was a consensus on the Protocol with the possibility of adjusting the data to fit the data availability
 - Add a question on the number of children by age
 - Collect data that gives us an indication of whether or not the employees are moving to the area
 - There was a discussion regarding the practicability of gathering data on children and whether or not it is feasible

- It was suggested that the Protocol be refined so the housing section would look at housing demand
 - Trailers
 - Rentals
 - Rooms
 - Houses
 - Apartments
 - Etc.
- Ron – suggested we try to correlate the rig count to housing, crime, school enrollment, etc.
- Bob suggested we could contact four or five big players and that would account for the bulk of the employment in the Anticline; then a profile could be created from those contacts
- Include Kemmerer as a potential Location for Employees
- Discussed general approach / outline for TG report due to PAWG Feb 18
 - Chapter 1: Steve and Bob suggested beginning TG report by reviewing assumptions and projections of the Nov 1999 Anticline EIS (Draft) and then bringing it current. Steve will draft this section up and distribute for TG review.
 - Chapter 2: Protocol. Roy will amend the draft Protocol to incorporate above points and distribute to TG for review again.
 - Identify community issues and needs
 - Discuss how the protocol will be used to provide mitigation strategies
 - Discuss the agency review
 - Chapter 3: Presentation of historical data for 10+ issues (collected by TG members from the various agencies/entities) as available
 - Chapter 4: Monitoring recommendations.
 - Chapter 5: Mitigation ideas considered / raised. Recommended mitigation.
- Reviewed data to be collected / submitted to Roy (for ultimate incorporation into TG report)
- Data should be emailed by TG members to Roy ASAP in Excel spreadsheet format. Roy will compile.
- Data should cover 1995 thru 2004 if possible (to provide baseline as well as Anticline development period info), and be presented by calendar year.
 - Ward (and others as necessary) will provide historical housing data
 - Ron will provide the historical drilling data for Jonah and Anticline
 - Tom will provide school enrollment and assessed valuation
 - Marilyn and Carmel will provide the Sublette Cty crime statistics
 - Jana will provide DFS stats domestic batterers and child abuse for Sublette & Sweetwater Cties
 - Jay will provide the fire and EMS/ambulance statistics
- Carmel brought up (Marilyn affirmed) that drugs/meth are a big and growing problem locally. The public perceives drugs to be strongly assoc with O&G workers. Asked that industry be proactive and propose how to better and quickly deal with this issue (regardless whether perception or reality). Ron and Bob will think on this.
- Chris Trombly will be dropped from the TG membership, due to non-attendance and lack of contact.
- Marilyn Filkins will be added to the SocioEcon TG membership list (TG consensus)
- Reminder - next meeting – Tuesday Jan 11, 2005 @ 10 a.m. at Pinedale High School (boardroom)