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MARICOPA COUNTY TRAVEL REDUCTION PROGRAM REGIONAL TASK FORCE

Teleconference Meeting (all participants joined via GoToMeeting)

Jerry Geering, Chairman

April 6, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Foster
Jerry Geering
Kristen Weston-Smith
Chelsie Hockersmith
Kim Passante
Sheila Johnson

ABSENT

Brian Parkey
Jana Jackson
Jean Woltjer
Terry Solis

STAFF / VISITORS PRESENT

Ari Young, Carl Eastin, Greg Moeller, Morgan Wohlbrandt, Tina Wesoloskie – Maricopa County TRP
Peter Muthig – Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Chelsea Lett – Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
Lillian Duarte – Valley Metro
Amanda Luecker – AZ Department of Environmental Quality
Rebecca Schexnayder – Pinal County
Valencia Nicholas – Sante of Surprise
Jessika Castro Bernache, Tracy Stoltz – Renaissance Phoenix Downtown
Emily Hinkle
Patty Dow

Call to Order

Jerry Geering called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. (quorum present).

Meeting Minutes

Kim Passante motioned to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Variance Requests

Aventura Catering – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer submitted exemption documentation and the variance request had been withdrawn.

Hyatt Regency Phoenix – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer submitted a variance request from surveying through December. She added the employer's current survey due date is 5/1 and the employer had been sent paper surveys. Based on the information provided Kim Passante motioned to deny the variance request and Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer submitted a variance request from Trip Reduction due to employees teleworking but had not responded to requests for clarification. Sheila Johnson motioned to deny the variance request and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Origami Owl – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer submitted a variance request from surveying, plan submittal, and awarding incentives due to employees teleworking. Kim Passante motioned to deny the variance request and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Enforcement Action Requests

Arizona Nutritional Supplements – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had an overdue NOV for late surveys. Chelsie Hockersmith motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit surveys and Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Bluewater Grill – Kristen Weston-Smith said exemption documentation had been received from the organization and all enforcement action had been closed.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar – Chandler – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had an overdue NOV for a late plan submittal. Kim Passante motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit a plan and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Haven of Phoenix LLC – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had an overdue NOV for late surveys. Annie Foster motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit surveys and Kim Passante seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Renaissance Phoenix Downtown – Kristen Weston-Smith said a plan was received and no enforcement action was needed.

Sante of Surprise – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer's plan submittal was overdue and no response had been received from the TC or HRLO. Valencia Nicholas stated she will be taking over as TC but is not familiar with TRP. Lilian Duarte and Kristen Weston-Smith offered assistance. Kim Passante motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit a plan and Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

Sheraton Crescent Hotel – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had an overdue NOV for a late plan submittal. She added the TC had stated the organization had under 50 employees but had not provided exemption documentation. Kim Passante motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit a plan or exemption documentation and Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

Solterra Senior Living at Chandler – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had an overdue NOV for late surveys. Sheila Johnson motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit surveys and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Sunrise Senior Living – Chandler – Kristen Weston-Smith said surveys had been received and no enforcement action was needed.

US Dept. of Interior – BIA – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had an overdue NOV for late surveys. Chelsie Hockersmith motioned to give the employer a final seven days to submit surveys and Sheila Johnson seconded. Annie Foster and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Plans Offered with 'Disapprove' Recommendation

BGRS – Kristen Weston-Smith said the TC submitted a telework plan but supporting documentation still needed to be submitted. Kim Passante motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 7 days to submit a revised plan and Annie Foster seconded. Chelsie Hockersmith and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Dysart Unified School District – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan a revised plan had been received and staff was now recommending approval. Chelsie Hockersmith motioned to decline staff's original disapprove recommendation and approve the revised plan and Annie Foster seconded. Kim Passante and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

Earnhardt Management Company – Kristen Weston-Smith said due to increased SOV rates the plan needed a restoration of the previous plan's budget. Sheila Johnson motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 7 days to submit a revised plan and Chelsie Hockersmith seconded. Annie Foster and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Origami Owl – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needed cosmetic changes and a restoration of measures. Chelsie Hockersmith motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 7 days to submit a revised plan and Annie Foster seconded. Kim Passante and Sheila Johnson voted aye and the motion passed.

United Dairymen of Arizona – Kristen Weston-Smith said the plan needed a restoration of previous measures and budget as well as supporting documentation. Sheila Johnson motioned to accept staff's disapprove recommendation and give the employer 7 days to submit a revised plan and Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Annie Foster recused herself from Ernst & Young LLP, Kim Passante recused herself from RR Donnelley & Sons Company, and Jerry Geering recused himself from Robertson Fuel Systems, LLC. Sheila Johnson motioned to approve all plans on the consent agenda and Kim Passante seconded. Annie Foster and Chelsie Hockersmith voted aye and the motion passed.

Open Items

Abrazo – Arizona Heart Institute – Kristen Weston-Smith said exemption documentation had been received and all enforcement action was closed.

Axon Enterprise, Inc. – Kristen Weston-Smith said a revised plan had been received and was approved at #22 on the consent agenda.

Camelback Ford Lincoln Mercury – Kristen Weston-Smith said the employer had been referred to MCAO for further enforcement.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar – DC Ranch – Kristen Weston-Smith said surveys were received and no further enforcement was needed.

Air Quality Department Programs Update

Tina Wesoloskie reviewed Air Quality programs including the upcoming 2021 Ozone Campaign.

Valley Metro

Lillian Duarte reviewed the update.

Call to Public

None.

Updates from Chairman and Other Members

Jerry Geering thanked the Task Force members for pulling together after the March meeting was rescheduled and Kristen Weston-Smith thanked TRP auditors for reviewing the large number of plans on the April Task Force agenda.

Adjournment

Kim Passante motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sheila Johnson seconded. All present members voted aye and the motion passed. (10:33 a.m.). The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Approved