# **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

## Meeting Notes Summary

## **Graham County - November 9, 2022**

## **Meeting Purpose**

The <u>Community Partnership Panel</u> is hosted by Freeport-McMoRan to keep the community informed about operational activities and to foster open and ongoing dialogue to develop thoughtful solutions to address community issues.

## **Industry / Business Updates**

For the most recent company financial information, please visit: <u>Freeport-McMoRan Investor Center</u>. You can also access the <u>company update video</u> we shared from Josh Olmsted, President and Chief Operating Officer – FM Americas.

Freeport-McMoRan recently announced the publication of its updated Climate Report. Please visit <a href="https://www.fcx.com/sites/fcx/files/documents/sustainability/2021-Climate-Report.pdf">https://www.fcx.com/sites/fcx/files/documents/sustainability/2021-Climate-Report.pdf</a> to learn more about FCX's climate strategy and progress. <a href="Safford operations">Safford operations</a> is currently implementing Eco-Drive Systems in its fleet of haul trucks in an effort to reduce carbon emissions by decreasing engine idle time. This enhancement also decreases maintenance costs and improves shift operating efficiency.

3Q2022 was a safe production period at Safford and site employment increased slightly to approximately 1,460 with 205 vacancies and a daily average of 190 contractors working at site. Total headcount has increased year-over-year as mine plan changes and production increases require additional staff. The most recent staffing increase is a result of Safford's expanded haul truck fleet as the site continues to increase copper production 600 million pounds per year.

<u>Morenci operations</u> in Greenlee County currently employs 3,830 with 270 vacancies and a contractor average of 1,350, supporting day-to-day operations and regularly planned maintenance activities.

Central Analytical Services Center and Sanchez Technology Center maintain combined total employment of approximately 165.

#### **Environmental Department Updates**

Safford Environmental Manager Mike Windsor shared site permitting updates as well as an abbreviated version of the 2022 3M Program Annual Stakeholder presentation:

#### Permitting Updates

- o A Significant Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) amendment application for the Lone Star Phase II leach pad expansion, designed for a stacking rate of 120,000 tons/day, was submitted late 2022.
- A Minor Permit Revision (MPR), necessary due to a slight design change for a planned Intermediate Fine Ore Stockpile, was submitted in November 2022.

### 3M Program Water Year 2021 Key Results

- Safford mine operates under what's called a 3M Program for water stewardship. 3M stands for Model, Monitor and Mitigate.
- We recycled 92% of water in 2021 while also protecting ambient water quality, as verified by third-party quality assurance audits through a groundwater monitoring program with monitor wells located on and adjacent to the site. Those monitoring results are available at: https://wim.usgs.gov/geonarrative/freeportmcmorangwmonitor/.

- Our operations uses a unique water source which does not impact other water users, and we strive for transparency and open-communication with the public and other water users to help them understand our business and how we manage water resources.
- Our 2021 evaluation results concluded that the comparison of predicted and actual water levels in our groundwater model adequately represents the groundwater system and that predicted impacts are valid and our mitigation activities do not require adjustment at this time.

## **Community Engagement / Development Updates**

## Our Commitment to United Way

Denise Benton, Executive Director, of United Way of Graham & Greenlee Counties provided a brief presentation with highlights of the organization's activities and support for regional nonprofit and community organizations in 2022. United Way of Graham & Greenlee Counties received more than \$3.3 million in matching funds from the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation in 2022 based on employee pledges in southeastern Arizona.

#### Our Commitment to Social Investment

2022 Graham County Community Investment grant awards:

**Education and Workforce Development –** Resilient People

- Boys & Girls Club of the Gila Valley | Growing Smarter 2022 + STEAM -
- Safford Middle School | Robotics Extracurricular 3-year Programming

## **Economic Opportunity –** Resilient Economies

- Easter Seals Blake Foundation | Workforce Development for Graham County residents with barriers to employment
  - Copper recycling
  - Main Street Café
- Graham County Historical Society | Downtown Museum Establishment
  - o Great Communities Resource Center | Downtown Restoration

Newly elected Graham County Community Investment Committee members:

- Business sector | Jenny Howard
- Education sector | Tad Jacobson
- Government sector | Danny Smith
- Nonprofit sector | Vance Bryce
- Graham County, community-at-large | Nate Sorensen
- Pima Community-at-large | Kathy Grimes
- Safford Community-at-large | Tabetha Aranda
- Thatcher Community-at-large | Bob Rivera

During the third quarter of 2022, Safford operations was proud to support the following events and projects:

- Tri Community Tri 2022 Community Triathlon
- City of Safford 2022 Safford Harvest Festival
- Graham County Parks & Fair 2022 Graham County Fair
- Feed My Starving Children Gila Valley Day of Service Mobile Pack activity
- Families Fighting Cancer Together Graham County Program Funding

#### Mini-Grants for Education

The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation, through Mini-Grants for Education awards, invested \$41,000 in our schools in 2022. In all, 81 programs were funded in 52 schools with \$3,000 funded in Graham County.

- Lafe Nelson School: Fly Away! With Environment & Animal Conservation
- Pima Unified School District: Design to Sell
- Solomon Elementary School: Library Media Revamp
- Thatcher Middle School: Robotics Team
- Thatcher Middle School: Life Skills | Aero Gardening

#### Our Commitment to Biodiversity

FM Safford Environmental staff observed Bat Week 2022, an international celebration of the role of bats in nature, in late October by partnering with The Gila Watershed Partnership to plant agaves at the Discovery Park Campus Pollinator Garden.

#### Grievance Management System

Freeport-McMoRan receives, records and responds to local questions, comments and concerns and we encourage all stakeholders to reach out to us.

- Talk with your local Freeport-McMoRan or Community Development representative
- Call the Community Information and Grievance Line at 877-629-2609, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (English or Spanish)
- Email communitydevelopment@fmi.com or via FreeportInMyCommunity.com/contact
- Send mail to Freeport-McMoRan Community Development 333 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ, 85004

One community grievance was received in the third quarter, pertaining to carrier traffic and specifically a rollover event due to muddy roadway shoulder conditions and which involved a parked semi truck on the side of Norton Road. Subsequent media coverage also expressed concerns from several nearby residents about carrier speeds on Norton Road.

#### **Meeting Participant Feedback and Comments**

Participant feedback at the Q4 meeting was positive with no new topics or questions posed for future discussion and answers. Questions received during and after the Q3 meeting were addressed for attendees:

- 1. Question/Topic Interest in possible synergies with adjacent landowners
  Freeport is pleased to discuss and explore any opportunities with neighbors and community partners.
- 2. Question about transfer of a riparian area near Eden, Ariz., to Salt River Project (SRP) In 2009, we agreed granted SRP the option to purchase those lands in support of their environmental mitigation when they raised the dam at Roosevelt Lake. They exercised that option.
- 3. Interest in environmental stewardship efforts in the mining and refining processes as well as interest in water conservation
  - Attendees were asked to provide specific environmental aspects or interests for additional details.
- 4. Aguestion whether new land acquisitions proposed will continue to be open to the public or closed Lands which may become part of an active operational area, e.g. lands sought for exchange adjacent to the existing Safford operations, would be closed to the public for safety and security. However, any private lands which would be received by BLM under a proposed exchange would enhance public access. In the case of State Lands near Whitlock, given that there wouldn't be any mining operations, we intend to work with the current lessee to maintain his agricultural business in the area and we will keep public roadways open for public use so that they can keep accessing adjacent public lands.

The CPP meets on a quarterly basis – for more information please contact Sean Wenham at (928)792-5937 or swenham@fmi.com.