



Office of the City Clerk
BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

**CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CWAC)**

CREATED BY:

Tucson Code, Sec. 27-60 et.seq. (see historical notes)

Resolution 5972, adopted on November 2, 1964

Resolution 6001, adopted on December 7, 1964

Ordinance 4638, adopted on April 25, 1977

Ordinance 7261, adopted on August 7, 1989

Ordinance 7279, adopted on September 11, 1989

Ordinance 8183, adopted on February 7, 1994

Ordinance 8262, adopted on April 25, 1994

Ordinance 9172, adopted on December 7, 1998

Ordinance 10379, adopted on March 20, 2007

* Ordinance 10606, adopted on November 25, 2008

MEMBERS:

* 17 members. The Mayor and Council shall each appoint one member of the Committee. The City Manager shall nominate eight members for final approval by Mayor and Council. The Director of Tucson Water and the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department or director's designee as non-voting, ex-officio, advisory members of the committee.

QUORUM:

8 members.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Committee members shall be customers of the Tucson Water utility, as either a residential user or owning an enterprise using Tucson Water, and shall serve without compensation.

It is suggested that appointed members have professional or technical competence in one of the following areas:

1. Utility rate making
2. Water resource planning
3. Business management
4. Accounting
5. Financial analysis
6. Public Health
7. Water system engineering
8. Resource economics
9. Hydrology
10. Landscape Architecture
11. Water Law

TERMS OF OFFICE:

Terms of those Committee Members appointed by the Mayor and Council are coterminous with that of the appointing elected official. The term of those members nominated by the City Manager and approved by Mayor and Council shall be four (4) years from date of appointment, or shall be coterminous with the term of the nominating City Manager, whichever is less.

FUNCTIONS:

- (1) Act as the official advisory body on Water Capital Improvement Program planning and rate structure formulation to City Government.
- (2) Annually review the proposed Water System Capital Improvement Program and recommend to the Governing Body an annual and a 6-year capital budget.
- (3) Annually review the water revenue requirements of the Water System and recommend to the Governing Body rate adjustments as required; promote the concerns of Tucson Water customers by ensuring that recommended water rate adjustments are kept to the absolute minimum necessary, consistent with adopted Mayor and Council plans and policies; and ensure that the water system delivers safe, high-quality water to all its customers;.
- (4) Review and report to the Governing Body on the long-term (20-30 years) water source and capital needs of the Water System utilizing staff of the Water Utility and other sources for the information necessary for such review.

- (5) To consult with the Governing Body from time to time as may be required by the Mayor and Council relative to water resource development needs.
- (6) Annually review the "Tucson Water Resources Plan 1990-2100" and recommend revisions to the governing body as required.
- (7) Initiate comprehensive revision of the "Tucson Water Resources Plan 1990-2100" " at five-year intervals or more frequently as required and recommend the necessary changes thereto to the governing body.
- (8) Review or make recommendations on policies affecting those water issues which the committee deems appropriate.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body, although a subcommittee or advisory committee, has been directed by the Mayor and Council to file written minutes with the City Clerk.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

Tucson Water: Administrative Support , John Thomas, 791-5080 x1215
City Clerk: Clerical Support 791-4213

*** HISTORICAL NOTES:**

November 2, 1964 – Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 5972, establishing the Water Advisory Council.

December 7, 1964 – Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 6001, amending Section 3 of Resolution 5972, relating to membership.

April 25, 1977 – Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 4638, amending the Tucson Code by adding Article III to Chapter 27, establishing the Citizens' Water Advisory Committee.

August 7, 1989 – Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 7261, amending Tucson Code, Chapter 27, Article III, Section 27-62, changing the terms of City Manager nominees from three years to four years.

September 11, 1989 – Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 7279, amending Tucson Code Section 27-61 by adding new subsections (h) and (i), expanding the Committee's functions and purposes.

February 7, 1994 – Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 8183, amending Tucson Code Section 27-61 by amending subsection (c) and deleting subsections (e) and (f), relating to the Committee's functions and purposes.

April 25, 1994 – Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 8262, amending Tucson Code Section 27-61 by adding a new subsection (f), relating to "recommendations on policies affecting those water issues the committee deems appropriate."

December 7, 1998 – Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 9172, amending Tucson Code 27-62, requiring members to be either a residential or commercial customer of Tucson Water and recommending areas of technical or professional competence.

March 20, 2007 – Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 10379, amending Tucson Code Section 27-62 by specifying that the term of City Manager nominees is four years or coterminous with the term of the nominating City Manager, whichever is less.

November 25, 2008 – Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 10606, amending Tucson Code Section 27-62 by adding the director of the water department and the director of the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department as non-voting, ex-officio, advisory members of the Citizens' Water Advisory Committee.