

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

Technical/Planning and Policy Subcommittee

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 12:00 p.m.

Director's Conference Room

Tucson Water, 3rd Floor

310 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona



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1. Roll Call/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair, Mark Murphy, at 12:07 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Mark Murphy	Chairperson-Representative, Mayor
Chuck Freitas	Representative, City Manager
Brian Wong	Representative, City Manager
Placido dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Kelly Lee	Representative, Ward 6

Absent:

Mitch Basefsky	Representative, City Manager
Alan Tonelson	Representative, Ward 1

Tucson Water Staff Present:

Melodee Loyer	Water Administrator
Andrew Greenhill	Intergovernmental Affairs Manager
Fernando Molina	Water Program Supervisor
Kris LaFleur	Staff Assistant
Johanna Hernandez	Staff Assistant

Others Present:

Chris Avery	City of Tucson, Attorney's Office
Tamara Prime	City of Tucson, Ward 3

2. Announcements – No action taken.

3. Call to Audience – No action taken.

4. Review & Approval of March 25, 2015 Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes – Member Freitas motioned to approve the Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2015. Member Wong seconded. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of 5-0.

5. Water Service Area Policy Review/Water Checkbook Update – Tucson Water staff member Melodee Loyer provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Water Checkbook and the Water Service Area Policy. The Water Checkbook numbers are still being calculated, and will be finalized by the May CWAC meeting. Preliminary numbers reflect total potable supplies of 161,130 AF, long term storage credits of 236,005 AF,

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and total effluent supplies of 25,731 AF. Potable use is down 2.3% a year, while population is up about 1%. The increase in effluent supplies is due to increased water quality. A brief background on the Water Service Area Policy, Water Assurance Letters and Nine Refinements was provided. Ms. Loyer reviewed and delineated (by month, customer type and jurisdiction) the 2014 water service requests (167), approvals (122) and denials (45). Common reasons for denial were discussed (outside of service area, does not meet water service area policy) with a brief review of terms for approval. Four denials were appealed to WSARB, each denial was reviewed as to location, circumstance and reason for denial.

Tucson Water staff member Johanna Hernandez reviewed the proposed administrative changes to the WSARB process, including the addition of deadlines within which appellants must file, the designation of support staff, and the process for appeal to Mayor and Council. Ms. Loyer reviewed the substantive proposed change regarding the requirement to have three sides eligible for Tucson Water service. It is being proposed that, after establishing one side of eligible Tucson Water service the remainder of required sides can be made up of undevelopable property. Three examples were provided reflecting undevelopable land, and brief discussion was held.

6. **Review of Tucson Water Response re Water Quality Questions** – Tucson Water staff member Johanna Hernandez followed up with the Subcommittee on two water quality questions that were raised at previous meetings of the TPP. Specifically, the presence of an ameba known as *Naegleria fowleri* (*N. fowleri*) in the water supply, and the presence of Hexavalent Chromium in water treated at the Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP). It was discussed that Tucson Water's disinfection practices are effective at controlling any possible *N. fowleri* that may be present, and clarified that treatment of water at the AOP was not intended to, and does not, affect the levels of Hexavalent Chromium present in the water. A formal response was provided, along with some supporting materials.
7. **Future Meetings/Agenda Items** – See projected agenda for further information.
8. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Approved 5/27/15