

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

Technical/Planning and Policy Subcommittee

Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 12:00 p.m.

Director's Conference Room

Tucson Water, 3rd Floor

310 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona



Legal Action Summary

1. Roll Call/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by acting Subcommittee Chair, Mitch Basefsky, at 12:03 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Mitch Basefsky	Representative, City Manager (acting Chair)
Chuck Freitas	Representative, City Manager
Placido dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Kelly Lee	Representative, Ward 6

Absent:

Mark Murphy	Chairperson-Representative, Mayor
Brian Wong	Representative, City Manager

Tucson Water Staff Present:

Melodee Loyer	Water Administrator
Pat Eisenberg	Water Administrator
Wally Wilson	Chief Hydrologist
Fernando Molina	Water Program Supervisor
Johanna Hernandez	Staff Assistant

Others Present:

Chris Avery	City Attorney's Office
Raul Pina	JPAR
Arturo Gabaldon	Community Water
Christina McVie	TAS/CWC

2. Announcements – No action taken.

3. Call to Audience – No action taken.

4. Review & Approval of May 27, 2015 Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes – Member Freitas motioned to approve the Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2015. Member dos Santos seconded. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of 4-0.

5. Green Valley, Project Renews – Raul Pina, Project Manager for Project Renews (Project) and JPAR, along with Arturo Gabaldon, President of Community Water Company presented a PowerPoint presentation on Green Valley, Project Renews. The Project basins will be located right next to the Santa Cruz River in Sahuarita. The

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Project will begin at the existing CAP terminus. Pima Mine recharge and ASARCO have existing lines; Project Renews and FICO both have proposed lines. CAP studies reflect that Project water will need to be used intermittently, and surges need to be planned for. Project completion is expected at the end of 2017, based on the accelerated completion of Pima Mine Road Bridge. Current plans based on the early completion of the Bridge remove the need for a previously proposed temporary connection to the existing City of Tucson T connection. The Project is looking for 7,000af of recharge capacity. While that capacity wasn't available at the T, it is possible at the terminus. The Project includes a 36" line from the terminus to the recharge facility, and a 20" capped line to Community Water's Well 11, for possible future use. The line is oversized for future possible extension to the Canoa Ranch area, likely with a 20" connection. The recharge facility recharge and storage permits were completed last October, for 3,000af. The permits need to be modified to 7,000af. The Project land is State Property that has been leased for 50 years. All other necessary permits have been obtained. One objective is to provide habitat for short birds. As such, JPAR hired a short bird specialist to aid in that goal. One suggestion is to eventually turn the project site into a park for bird watchers. The facility will be parallel to the existing CAP line, and ADOT has approved crossing I-19 with an open trench. FICO has been involved in permit negotiations. The connection to Community Water's Well 11 will act as an emergency supply for Community Water if that is needed in the future. There are currently no plans for direct use or treatment expected, but funds are available for the connection now. While the CAP supply may be intermittent the Project will include a balance pond that will be full most of the time. The permits do not cover use at Well 11. JPAR is the permit holder. Primary basins 1-2 have a 3,000af capacity; all of the basins together have a capacity of 7,000af. Sahuarita is not invested in the Project. JPAR is responsible for all aspects of construction, maintenance, and management of the Project and facility. The Project is a \$30 million project. A booster will not be required until a connection to Canoa Ranch is planned. The 7,000af will be made up of 3,000af CAP allocation and the extra capacity will be used for high recharge volumes, and possible recharge partners. Currently, Arizona State Land Department will not allow the facility to include a public access park; JPAR is working with the Town to incorporate the park. Storage is permitted under Community Water, and there are no current plans for recovery. Rosemont will recharge water at the facility, though the source of their water, and future plans for that water are unknown.

6. **Future Meetings/Agenda Items** – See projected agenda for further information.
7. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.