



CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 7:00 a.m.
Director's Conference Room
Tucson Water, 3rd Floor
310 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona

Summary Minutes

Approved 2/6/2019

1. Roll Call:

CWAC Chair Mark Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Mark Murphy, Chair	Representative, Mayor
Mitch Basefsky	Representative, City Manager
Chuck Freitas	Representative, City Manager
Rory Juneman	Representative, City Manager
Placido dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Catlow Shippek	Representative, City Manager
Mark Stratton	Representative, City Manager
Michelle Crow *	Representative, Ward 2
Val Little	Representative, Ward 3
George White	Representative, Ward 4
Mark Lewis	Representative, Ward 5
Alison Jones	Representative, Ward 6
Timothy Thomure	Tucson Water, Director, Ex-Officio Member

* Member Crow arrived after Roll Call

Absent:

Jean McLain, Vice Chair	Representative, City Manager
Ryan Lee	Representative, Ward 1
Jackson Jenkins	Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Director, Ex-Officio Member

Tucson Water Staff Present:

Sandy Elder	Deputy Director
Silvia Amparano	Deputy Director
Patricia Eisenberg	Planning and Engineering Administrator
Melodee Loyer	Planning and Engineering Administrator
Chris Rodriguez	Customer Service Administrator
Albert Avila	Water Quality and Operations Administrator
Jesus Suarez	Maintenance Administrator
Kim Sotomayor	Business Services Administrator
Fernando Molina	Public Information Officer
Jane Slama	Customer Solution Center Superintendent
James MacAdam	Public Information & Conservation Superintendent
Reyna Woods	Metering Services Superintendent
Andrew Greenhill	Intergovernmental Affairs Mgmt. Coordinator
Karen Tenace	Business Services Mgmt. Coordinator
Candice Rupprecht	Water Conservation & Information Supervisor
Jay Nordstrom	Finance Manager
Jaimie Galayda	Lead Planner
Kris LaFleur	Lead Mgmt. Analyst
Susan Speiss	Staff Assistant
Jessica Rodriguez	Staff Assistant

Others Present:

Chris Avery	Assistant Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Melissa Mauzy	Council Aide, Ward 6
Wally Wilson	Metro Water

NOTE: Due to technical problems, there is no audio recording of this meeting. The Legal Action Report is based on staff meeting notes.

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2. **Announcements** – None.
3. **Call to Audience** – Ms. Rupprecht introduced Ms. Galayda, who is joining the Public Information and Conservation Office staff as a Lead Planner.
4. **Review of December 5, 2018, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Legal Action Report and Minutes. The motion passed on a voice vote of 11-0.
5. **Director's Report**¹ –

Mayor and Council Items – Mr. Thomure indicated that the Council will consider three Tucson Water-related items at its January 23 meeting, including: renewal of the Arizona Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (AzWARN) Mutual Assistance Agreement; approval to acquire property for the placement of a 10th TARP extraction well; and approval of an amendment to the South Houghton Area Recharge Project (SHARP) Agreement with Pima County.

Department Updates – Recruitments and new hires are ongoing.

Other Items – The Director provided a summary of various ongoing issues:

- TARP/AOP: The next scheduled meeting of the Unified Community Advisory Board will be canceled due to the federal government shutdown. Tucson Water has been working to conduct vapor intrusion testing at three schools in the TARP area. Such tests were previously conducted over the TARP plume, with no detection of contaminants. Due to remaining community concerns, Tucson Water will conduct testing again, working with City contractors and the community's preferred sampling contractor.
- PFCs & TARP: New granular activated carbon (GAC) filters at the TARP facility are being installed, and are expected to reduce PFC outflow from the facility to zero. The utility will monitor performance of the new filters to determine if a separate filtration system needs to be installed at TARP to handle PFC removal, or if regular replacement of the GAC filter array is a more efficient and cost-effective method.
- Pipe testing: Due to community concern that TCE or 1,4-dioxane contamination may remain in private pipes within the TARP area, Tucson Water is testing pipe samples. Testing has so far detected no contaminants.
- DCP: The Arizona Drought Contingency Planning Steering Committee met on January 8, and parties continue to work toward a plan with cautious optimism. Remaining issues include uncertainty about water for developers, water for Pinal AMA agriculture, funding for Pinal agricultural infrastructure, and details of CAP/SRP exchanges. Meanwhile, conditions on the Colorado River are not good, with projected Lake Mead elevations in 2020 between 1077' and 1055'. Shortage conditions are expected in 2020, and may be near Tier 2 conditions without DCP. Tucson, Phoenix, and CAP support the proposed plan. Efforts are underway to address the four areas of concern: Tucson has offered a proposal to backstop potential Pinal Agriculture shortage of 30 KAF in 2021; CAP has offered \$5 million and the State an additional \$5 million to assist with infrastructure needs. Developers are attempting to secure more water, but already have a contract with the Gila River Indian Community that will self-execute if DCP is signed. Details of the SRP/CAP exchange are expected to be resolved. During the coming weeks, legislative counsel is expected to begin drafting DCP language for consideration by the AZ Legislature.

6. **Subcommittee Reports** –

Technical, Planning and Policy Subcommittee – Subcommittee Chair dos Santos reported that the group met on December 10 and discussed Tucson Water plans for the Santa Cruz Well Field, as well as objectives & operation plans for the subcommittee.

Finance Subcommittee – Subcommittee Chair Stratton reported that the group met to discuss Tucson Water's 5-year Financial Plan. The subcommittee expressed concern about additional funds being directed toward completing budgeted CIP items.

Conservation and Education Subcommittee – Subcommittee Chair Shipek reported that the group met in December to review the draft Conservation Program Annual Report, and to review proposed changes to the

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high-efficiency toilet rebate program. The subcommittee also received a presentation on updates to the Tucson AMA demand model. The group will meet again in February.

Subcommittee membership – No changes.

RWRAC Update – None provided.

7. **FY 2019-24 Financial Plan: Review & Recommendations** – Staff provided a presentation on the proposed Tucson Water FY 2019-24 Financial Plan. Discussion ensued. Member Stratton moved to approve the Financial Plan and the rate package previously approved by Mayor and Council for FY 2020. Member Basefsky seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Member Freitas indicated that he would vote NO on the motion, and submitted detailed comments on the matter for the record. [These will be attached to the Legal Action Report and submitted to the Clerk's Office for public posting.]

After further discussion, Member Lewis moved to amend the motion to include a reminder to Mayor & Council, stating that the Council has not responded to a letter sent by CWAC in March 2016. After further discussion, it was determined that this topic should be addressed by a separate motion. The motion to amend died for a lack of second. Member Lewis asked that the topic be addressed at a future CWAC meeting.

Members conducted a Roll Call vote on the original motion. The motion passed 10-2, Members Freitas and White dissenting.

8. **Conservation Program FY 2018 Annual Report: Review & Recommendations** – Ms. Rupprecht led a review and discussion of the draft Conservation Program Annual Report, and provided point-by-point summaries of various sections of the report. Staff fielded and answered questions about the report from the Committee. Staff indicated that the report will be forwarded to Mayor & Council for final consideration.

9. **Future Meetings / Agenda Items** – Member Lewis requested a discussion about a letter sent by CWAC to Mayor & Council in March 2016, to which the Committee has not received a response. Member Little requested that a copy of the letter be distributed to Members prior to discussion of the item.

Member Little requested an update on staff discussions with Council aides regarding development of a draft Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fund proposal.

10. **Adjournment** – Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.