



# CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)

Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 7:00 a.m.  
Director's Conference Room  
Tucson Water, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
310 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona

## Summary Minutes

Approved May 1, 2019

1. **Roll Call:**

CWAC Chair Mark Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Mark Murphy, Chair	Representative, Mayor
Jean McLain, Vice Chair	Representative, City Manager
Placido dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Chuck Freitas	Representative, City Manager
Catlow Shipek	Representative, City Manager
Mark Stratton	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn *	Representative, City Manager
Ryan Lee	Representative, Ward 1
Michelle Crow *	Representative, Ward 2
Val Little	Representative, Ward 3
Mark Lewis	Representative, Ward 5
Timothy Thomure	Tucson Water, Director, Ex-Officio Member

\* Members Crow and Washburn arrived after Roll Call

**Absent:**

Mitch Basefsky	Representative, City Manager
Rory Juneman	Representative, City Manager
George White	Representative, Ward 4
Alison Jones	Representative, Ward 6
Jackson Jenkins	Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Director, Ex-Officio Member

**Tucson Water Staff Present:**

Sandy Elder	Deputy Director
Silvia Amparano	Deputy Director
Pat Eisenberg	Planning & Engineering Administrator
Melodee Loyer	Planning & Engineering Administrator
Albert Avila	Water Quality and Operations Administrator
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
Dorothy Dolan	Civil Engineer
Beth Scully	Hydrologist
Jay Nordstrom	Finance Manager
Kelly Wiehe	Public Information Project Manager
Kris LaFleur	Lead Mgmt. Analyst

**Others Present:**

Chris Avery	City Attorney's Office
Melissa Mauzy	Council Aide, Ward 6

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2. **Announcements**<sup>1</sup> – Chair Murphy thanked staff for organizing a field tour of Tucson Water facilities in March. Director Thomure announced that Deputy Director Sandy Elder will retire on May 5, after more than 30 years with Tucson Water.

3. **Call to Audience** – There were no audience comments.

4. **Review of March 6, 2019, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – Member Freitas moved to approve the Legal Action Report and Minutes. The motion was duly seconded by Member Stratton, and passed on a unanimous voice vote of 10-0.

5. **Director's Report** – Director Thomure provided updates on the following topics:

**Mayor and Council Items** – The City's FY 2020 budget is currently under consideration by Council and staff, and will be up for Council discussion and vote in April and May. Discussion of the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fund was scheduled for April 23, but has been postponed until sometime in May. Consideration of the proposed extension of an Avra Valley solar lease was continued from the March 19 meeting pending further negotiation of the lease terms. Staff recommendation of a long-term treatment plan for PFAS cleanup at TARP is expected to go to Council on May 7. That proposal includes the addition of more Granular Activated Carbon vessels at TARP, using funds from the water infrastructure reserve fund.

**Department Updates** – There are currently about 50 vacancies within the Department, with eight active recruitments underway and 13 pending new hires. Potable and reclaimed water production are both down slightly from calendar year 2018.

**Other Items** – The Director pointed out that four national and international water conferences would be taking place in Tucson this week, and that the AZ Water conference would take place in mid-April during Arizona Water Professionals Week.

6. **Subcommittee Reports** –

**Technical, Planning and Policy Subcommittee** – TPP did not meet in March. Subcommittee Chair dos Santos reported that the next meeting would take place on April 10, and would include a presentation about a new Guaymas water desalination facility.

**Finance Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chair Stratton reported that the group would meet again in May. He indicated that Member Washburn had expressed interest in joining the subcommittee. Member Freitas moved to appoint Member Washburn to the subcommittee, and Member Stratton seconded the motion. Member Washburn was appointed to the Finance Subcommittee by a voice vote of 10-0.

**Conservation and Education Subcommittee** – Subcommittee Chair Shipek reported that the subcommittee did not meet in March. The subcommittee will meet on April 10 for a Conservation Program quarterly update, a Conservation Program planning update, and a review of proposed updates to the rainwater harvesting rebate programs.

**Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Update** – Member McLain reported that RWRAC met on March 28 to discuss budgetary items. She indicated that Wastewater operations are currently below budget, and that revenues are above projections. No wastewater rate increases are anticipated through 2025. The Committee also received an update from PAG about revisions to the regional 208 Plan.

7. **2019 State Legislative Update**<sup>2</sup> – Mr. Greenhill provided a presentation for the Committee, which included: a brief summary of the number of proposed bills before the Legislature, and the number currently tracked by the City's Intergovernmental Relations staff; a summary of non-water issues being tracked by Mayor & Council; a review of Legislative leaders in the Senate and House; an update on DCP-related activities; and a review of the City's water-related bills of interest.

8. **Southeast Houghton Area Recharge Project (SHARP) Presentation** – Staff led a presentation and discussion about the construction and management of the SHARP facility, which is currently under construction and is expected to begin operating in spring of 2020. The facility is permitted to recharge 4,000 acre-feet per

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<sup>1</sup> Member Crow arrived at 7:05 a.m.

<sup>2</sup> Member Washburn arrived at 7:25 a.m.

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year of reclaimed water, with potential future expansion to 8,000 AFY. In addition to its function as a recharge facility, SHARP will also incorporate elements of education and recreation, including parking for school buses, 1.6 miles of trails throughout the site, and ramadas featuring educational signs. More than 500 native and desert-adapted trees will be planted on site, including vegetation salvaged from the site during basin construction. The existing reservoir at the site will be outfitted for water harvesting, and captured rainwater will be routed to a dry well for recharge monitoring. Members and staff discussed the project.

**9. Future Meetings / Agenda Items** – Topics known or suggested for discussion at future meetings include:

- Recognition of departing CWAC members
- An update on the status of the Santa Cruz River Heritage Project
- An update on the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council
- A discussion about the process ahead for policy decisions in the Colorado River Basin beyond 2026
- An update on the development of Tucson Water's *One Water 2100 Master Plan*

**10. Adjournment** – Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.