



# CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 7:00 a.m.  
Director's Conference Room  
Tucson Water, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
310 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona

## Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes

### 1. Roll Call:

CWAC Chair Mark Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. Those present and absent were:

#### Present:

Mark Murphy, Chair	Representative, Mayor
Jean McLain, Vice Chair	Representative, City Manager
Mitch Basefsky	Representative, City Manager
Placido dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Rory Juneman	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Ryan Lee	Representative, Ward 1
Michelle Crow *	Representative, Ward 2
Val Little	Representative, Ward 3
George White	Representative, Ward 4
Alison Jones	Representative, Ward 6
Silvia Amparano (for Mr. Thomure)	Tucson Water, Deputy Director, Ex-Officio Member

\* Member Crow arrived after Roll Call

#### Absent:

Mark Stratton	Representative, City Manager
Mark Lewis	Representative, Ward 5
Timothy Thomure	Tucson Water, Director, Ex-Officio Member
Jackson Jenkins	Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Director, Ex-Officio Member

#### Tucson Water Staff Present:

Jeff Biggs	Strategic Initiatives Administrator
Pat Eisenberg	Engineering Administrator
Melodee Loyer	Planning Administrator
Chris Rodriguez	Customer Service Administrator
Kim Sotomayor	Business Services Administrator
Albert Avila	Water Quality & Operations Administrator
Richard Sarti	New Development Administrator
Fernando Molina	Public Information Officer
James MacAdam	Public Information & Conservation Superintendent
Shawntel Dotson	Solution Center Superintendent
Andrew Greenhill	Intergovernmental Affairs Mgmt. Coordinator
Karen Tenace	Business Services Mgmt. Coordinator
Monica Gallegos	Assistant Metering Services Superintendent
Candice Rupprecht	Water Conservation & Information Supervisor
Jay Nordstrom	Finance Manager
Michael Mourreale	Engineering Manager, System & Development
Paul Baughman	Civil Engineer
Jaimie Galayda	Lead Planner
Jessica Rodriguez	Staff Assistant
Kris LaFleur	Lead Mgmt. Analyst

#### Others Present:

Melissa Mauzy	Council Aide, Ward 6
Wally Wilson	Metro Water
Gabrielle Kiliman	Citizen

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2. **Announcements** – Member Basefsky announced that the CAP Board would meet on the morning of June 6.
3. **Call to Audience** – There were no audience comments.
4. **Review of May 1, 2019, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – Member McLain moved to approve the Legal Action Report and Minutes. The motion was duly seconded by Member Dos Santos and passed on a voice vote of 10-0.

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

**Mayor and Council Items** – During the May 21 Study Session, Mayor and Council directed Tucson Water to proceed with proposed upgrades at the TARP facility, which will increase the number of granular activated carbon vessels for the treatment of PFAS. At the June 4 Mayor & Council meeting, two IGAs with the University of Arizona were approved for the renewal of the Smartscape and Arizona Project WET education programs. Revenue obligation bonds were also approved at the June 4 meeting. On June 18, Mayor and Council will consider renewal of an IGA with Pima County for purchase of native plants for City landscaping projects. The Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fund Report is expected to be discussed at Study Session during the summer.

**Department Updates** – There are currently 48 vacancies within the Department, with active recruitments and new hires underway. Potable and reclaimed water production are both down slightly from calendar year 2018.

6. **Subcommittee Reports** –

**Technical, Planning and Policy Subcommittee** – Member Dos Santos reported that the subcommittee met on May 9 to conduct the annual Water Checkbook and Water Service Area Policy review, and to provide review and comment on the final draft Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fund report.

**Finance Subcommittee** – Member Murphy reported that the subcommittee met in May to discuss multifamily rates. The next meeting will take place on June 20 for a discussion of the low-income assistance program.

**Conservation and Education Subcommittee** – Member Little reported that the subcommittee met in May to discuss proposed revisions to the rainwater harvesting rebate program, and conservation program provisions of the long-range planning process. The subcommittee also received a presentation from Tucson Clean & Beautiful staff about Tucson Water's pilot neighborhood-scale stormwater harvesting program.

**Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Update** – Member McLain reported that RWRAC met on May 23. Discussion indicated that the county's wastewater infrastructure is in good condition, the wastewater department's budget is strong, and the department is facing a high level of staff retirement in the near future.

**Subcommittee membership** – After discussion, Members Washburn and Dos Santos indicated interest in joining the Conservation & Education Subcommittee, and Chair Murphy indicated that he would temporarily join the Technical, Planning & Policy Subcommittee. Member Lee moved to add the members to the subcommittees of their choice; Member Basefsky seconded the motion. The vote passed on a voice vote of 10-0.

7. **Annual Water Checkbook & Water Service Area Policy Review**<sup>1</sup> – Ms. Korich led the Annual Water Checkbook presentation, beginning with a review of Tucson's annual water production for the Tucson Water Service Area for the years 1940-2018. Some members objected to the recent inclusion of unmetered harvested rainwater in this slide, noting that it is not a "produced" water supply in the same sense as groundwater, CAP, reclaimed, or TARP/AOP supplies. Discussion on this topic ensued between members. Ms. Korich presented data on TW's CY 2018 water production volumes and proceeded to review the Annual Water Checkbook, including annual potable usage and demand, and available renewable potable supply. She also presented TW's effluent Water Checkbook, with data including total effluent available per year, annual effluent usage, and available effluent supply. A slide depicting Tucson's "Water Savings Account" displayed the accumulation of long-term storage credits (CAP and effluent), CY 2008-2018. Ms. Korich fielded and answered questions about the Water Checkbook.

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<sup>1</sup> Member Crow arrived at 7:21 a.m.

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Mr. Sarti led a review of the Water Service Area Policy, including a discussion of the Policy's background, development, and refinements, as well as a discussion of the Water Service Area Review Board (WSARB) and its role. Mr. Mourreale provided a summary of water service approvals and denials for CY 2018, including approvals/denials by jurisdiction, and overall numbers of approvals/denials/referrals for pre-annexation agreement. Mr. Sarti briefly discussed the four requests for review by the WSARB in CY 2018. Discussion ensued about the Policy, its intent, its effects on land development and annexation agreements, and its impact upon Tucson Water's long-term water resources and planning.

- 8. Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fund: Consideration of TPP Subcommittee's Final Draft Report** – Mr. Macadam provided a brief summary of the recommendations provided by the TPP subcommittee after its review of an earlier version of GSI Fund Report, and explained how those recommendations were incorporated into the final draft report.

Member Dos Santos acknowledged that the final draft report had incorporated many comments and requests from CWAC and other stakeholders. He called the final draft GSI Fund Report a compelling document that proposes a beneficial community program. He explained that the TPP subcommittee had reviewed the final draft document and had approved a letter containing three overarching recommendations for CWAC consideration:

- TPP recommends that Mayor and Council establish a GSI Fund, funded by Tucson citizens for the benefit of those inside City limits
- Rainwater- and stormwater harvesting programs should be funded by the GSI Fund, rather than Tucson Water Conservation Program funds
- A review of City ordinances, regulations, and design standards should be conducted to determine if additional avenues are available for supporting GSI goals.

Member Little moved to recommend that the TPP letter be forwarded as-written to Mayor and Council for review and consideration. Member Basefsky seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued. Member Little called for a decision on the motion, which failed on a roll-call vote:

- Yay, 3 (Dos Santos, Little, and Jones)
- Nay, 7 (McLain, Basefsky, White, Lee, Crow, Juneman, Washburn)
- Abstain, 1 (Murphy)

Member Crow moved to amend the motion to forward the TPP letter to Mayor and Council for review, with the following revisions:

- Strike the second paragraph in Section 2
- Change the first sentence of the final paragraph of Section 2 to state: "Members of TPP recommend that Mayor and Council consider moving Tucson Water's Rainwater Harvesting Program activities (But not C&E funds) into the GSI Program."
- In final paragraph, final sentence of Section 2, strike text following "many years ago"
- In the Section 2 title, strike text following "GSI Program"

Member Lee seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously, 11-0, by roll-call vote.

- 9. Consideration of TPP / C&E Subcommittee Collaboration** – This item was continued.
- 10. Future Meetings / Agenda Items** – Topics included on the Projected Agenda for the September meeting are:
- Review and discussion of events occurring during the CWAC summer break
  - One Water 2100 Master Plan progress report
- 11. Adjournment** – Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.