



CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)

Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 7:00 a.m.
Director's Conference Room
Tucson Water, 3rd 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 7:02 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
Rory Juneman	Representative, City Manager
Mark Stratton	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Val Little	Representative, Ward 3
Mark Lewis	Representative, Ward 5
Alison Jones	Representative, Ward 6
Timothy Thomure	Tucson Water, Director, Ex-Officio Member
Jackson Jenkins	Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Director, Ex-Officio Member

Absent:

Placido dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Ryan Lee	Representative, Ward 1
Michelle Crow	Representative, Ward 2
George White	Representative, Ward 4

Tucson Water Staff Present:

Melodee Loyer	Planning Administrator
Kim Sotomayor	Business Services Administrator
Albert Avila	Water Quality & Operations Administrator
Fernando Molina	Public Information Officer
Shawntel Dotson	Solution Center Superintendent
Andrew Greenhill	Intergovernmental Affairs Mgmt. Coordinator
Karen Tenace	Business Services Mgmt. Coordinator
Kelly Wiehe	Project Manager, Public Information
Jaimie Galayda	Lead Planner, Public Information
Kris LaFleur	Lead Mgmt. Analyst, Intergovernmental Affairs
Joshua Pischke	Financial Specialist, Budgeting & Analysis

Others Present:

Raye Winch	Community Food Bank
Claire Kaufman	Ward 6 Council Aide
Zachary Sibberson	University of Arizona

Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC)

Legal Action Report

October 2, 2019

2. **Announcements** – Member Basefsky announced that the CAP Board would meet the following morning, October 3, at the JW Marriott in Tucson. Chair Murphy reported that Director Thomure attended the Arizona Hydrological Society's annual symposium in September, where he provided a presentation on the implications of the Drought Contingency Plan for Arizona's cities. Member Lewis encouraged other members to meet with Tucson Water's long-range planning consultants.

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

4. **Review of September 4, 2019, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – Member Stratton moved to approve the Legal Action Report and Minutes. The motion was duly seconded by Member Jones and passed on a voice vote of 9-0.

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

Mayor and Council Items – Items scheduled for consideration at upcoming meetings include: an agreement with the US Geological Survey for aquifer monitoring at the Santa Cruz River Heritage Project (October 10), renewal of an agreement with the University of Arizona for developing Tucson Water's corrosion monitoring program (November 6), and an amendment of a groundwater storage facility agreement with BKW Farms (November 6).

Department Updates – Department vacancies are at about 50 positions, with 15 pending new hires and nine active recruitments. Potable and reclaimed demand are each down slightly for the calendar year. For the fiscal year, potable demand is up slightly and reclaimed demand has increased moderately.

Other Items – Tucson Water will advise Mayor and Council that additional CAP supplies may become available to the City in calendar year 2020, and will suggest that those opportunities should be pursued if they arise. Mr. Thomure also indicated that Tucson Water has opted not to make any changes to the multifamily rate structure during the upcoming financial planning and rate-setting process.

6. **Subcommittee Reports** –

Technical, Planning and Policy Subcommittee (TPP) – Chair Murphy reported that the subcommittee received a presentation on water efficiency in urban planning, discussed ordinances and policies, concluded discussions about Mayor & Council action on the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fee, and reviewed a Land Use Planning technical memo as part of the ongoing One Water 2100 Master Planning process.

Finance Subcommittee – Member Stratton reported that the subcommittee did not meet in September due to a lack of quorum. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet on October 17 to discuss a proposed CIP budget and in November to discuss a draft financial plan. He indicated that there are two vacancies on the subcommittee, and invited members to join.

Conservation and Education Subcommittee (C&E) – Member Little reported that the subcommittee met in September to discuss proposed changes to the Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program.

Subcommittee membership: Member Lewis suggested the use of "floating members" to attain quorum and fill in for subcommittee members unable to attend their scheduled meetings. Staff will explore the viability of this suggestion.

Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Update – Member McLain reported that RWRAC met on September 26, during which the committee received a presentation on PFAS from University of Arizona professor Dr. Mark Brusseau. She recommended that CWAC receive the same presentation.

7. **2019 Year End** – Ms. Sotomayor presented a financial summary of Tucson Water's FY2019, with topics including: revenues, expenditures, capital improvements, capital assets, new and existing bonds, outstanding debt, and the utility's net financial position. Staff fielded and answered members' questions throughout the presentation.

8. **Future Meetings / Agenda Items** – Topics recommended for discussion at future meetings included:

- Member Little requested a summary of current agreements between Tucson Water and BKW Farms

Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC)

Legal Action Report

October 2, 2019

- Member McLain suggested that CWAC or TPP subcommittee receive a presentation on PFAS from the University of Arizona's Dr. Mark Brusseau
- Member Lewis requested an update on \$8M received by Tucson Water and held in reserve by request of the City Manager; he also requested an update on differential rate discussions (inside/outside City)
- Member Little requested an update on the Conservation Program planning process

9. Adjournment – Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.