



## CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSERVATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

3:30 p.m., Thursday, September 12, 2019  
Director's Conference Room  
Tucson Water, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
310 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona

### Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Val Little called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### Members Present:

Val Little, Chair	Representative, Ward 3
Jean McLain	Representative, City Manager
Placido Dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Ryan Lee	Representative, Ward 1
Michelle Crow *	Representative, Ward 2

##### Members Absent:

##### Tucson Water Staff Members:

James MacAdam	Water Program Superintendent
Candice Rupprecht	Water Conservation & Information Supervisor
Jaimie Galayda	Lead Planner
Irene Ogata	Urban Landscape Architect
Joaquim Delgado	Conservation Specialist
Richard Sarti	
Melodee Loyer	

##### Others Present:

Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
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#### 2. Announcements – None

#### 3. Review of May 8, 2019, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes – Member Crow moved to approve the Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes. Member McLain seconded the motion. Motion and passed on a voice vote of 5-0.

#### 4. Neighborhood Rainwater Harvesting Program (RWH) Discussion – The discussion and presentation were led by Mrs. Rupprecht She reviewed the materials and points below to reflect the proposed changes to the program. Additional points of interest and discussion included: The hillside plant survey, DIY inspections and consultancy from Tucson Water, PSD applications and permitting. Comment and discussion throughout the presentation did not allow the remainder of the presentation on the Passive Harvesting Pilot to be completed. The item will be continued for the October agenda for further discussion.

- Conservation Program Water Savings Cost
  - Incentive Program cost per acre-foot of savings

## **Citizen's Water Advisory Committee, Conservation & Education Subcommittee**

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- RWH Rebate Tools
- RWH Rebate Tracking
  - By Ward Office
- Proposed Changes
  - Modify passive system to rebate volume of basin storage similar to active system rebates
  - Decrease per customer per location rebate limit from \$2,000 to \$1,500
  - Remove \$500 cap on passive rebates
  - Rebate can cover any mix of costs for passive and active systems, up to \$1,500
  - Reduce active system rebate to \$0.50-\$0.75/gallon

No Action items were given.

5. **Water Conservation Policies** – Mrs. Galayda and Mrs. Rupprecht provided a reference guide for City of Tucson Conservation Policies and Ordinances. The discussion developed around Mayor and Council requirements versus incentives and a possibility of partnering with other city departments to change codes and ordinances for future sustainability. This included an open discussion on graywater harvesting.
6. **Conservation Planning & One Water 2100** – Mrs. Galayda advised results from the workshop and survey were incomplete. The item will be continued to the October meeting.
7. **Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)** – Placido Dos Santos provided an update of the September 4, 2019 Mayor and Council meeting advising the GSI program and fund were approved with extended comment from Council Member Romero, however no amendments were incorporated. Points of interest during the discussion included a one-year assessment of program, and review of the equity fee after one year. GSI reporting and operational oversight will be done through the City Manager's Office based on a three year pilot. The adopted fee of \$.13 per ccf will exclude low income. Tucson Water will partner with Environmental services and the Department of Transportation for outreach. The Pilot is scheduled to begin January 2020. The council acknowledged CWAC for time spent on the review and outcome. Tucson Water staff was also recognized for the work of the project.
8. **Call to Audience** - None
9. **Future Agenda Items** – Mrs. Rupprecht and Chair Little will discuss before the next meeting.
  - Conservation Planning & One Water 2100 Rainwater Harvesting
  - Greywater Harvesting Benefits add to November
    - What is the committee looking to achieve
    - Who will obtain materials
  - Water Conservation Policies
10. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

The recording was lost these notes reference the conversation notes taken by the meeting administrator.