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**CITY/COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER STUDY
 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**December 13, 2008
 Meeting Summary**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Barry called the December 13, 2008 meeting of the City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee) to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Tucson Association of Realtors, 2445 N. Tucson Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona.

Members Present:

Bruce Gungle
 John Carlson
 Jim Barry, Chairman
 Rob Kulakofsky
 Sean Sullivan
 Vincent Vasquez
 Bonnie Poulos
 Mark Stratton
 Tina Lee
 Marcelino Flores

Representing:

County Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission
 Wastewater Management Advisory Committee (WMAC)
 Citizens Water Advisory Committee (CWAC)
 WMAC
 City Planning Commission
 CWAC
 County P&Z Commission
 WMAC
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Alternate Present:

Bob Cook

Representing:

County P&Z Commission

Absent:

Daniel Sullivan
 James Watson

Representing:

CWAC
 City Planning Commission

City/County Staff Present:

Sabrina Cotta, City Manager's Office
 Nicole Ewing Gavin, City Manager's Office
 Sandy Elder, Tucson Water
 Chris Avery Tucson Water
 Melaney Seacat, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
 Nicole Fyffe, Pima County Administrator's Office
 Eric Wieduwilt, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
 Ed Curley, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

A quorum of the Committee was established.

2. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Melaney Seacat announced that a summary of public participation comments was available on the website and that comments are from the issue response questions, call to the audience, the web site, and written comments.

Nicole Gavin informed the committee that the dates for the open houses were set for early February and that the report would be available in libraries. Announcements about the open houses will be going out in January water/sewer bills. Jim Barry reminded everyone that there will be a joint CWAC and WMAC meeting on January 21st to discuss the report and a joint City and County Planning Commission meeting on February 18th. Mark Stratton mentioned that there is a conflict with other water meetings on the NW side for the proposed February 9th open house. Nicole responded that staff will look at an alternate date. Mark offered the Metro Water District office as a location for the open house.

Jim Barry announced that he feels a targeted stakeholder group to review the report is not going to work and so we will open it up to all interested stakeholders and members of the public.

Contingent on the edits discussed, the November 15th, 2008 Meeting Summary was passed by a voice vote of 9 – 0.

3. **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

4. **SUMMARY OF RESULTS: NOVEMBER 15 MEETING**

Melaney Seacat reviewed the results from the last committee meeting which includes the prioritized key points identified by the committee, a list of changes to the report, and a list of items to be carried forward to the next phase.

Bonnie Poulos stated that she didn't feel the ranking was valid and that one person using all their dots on one item would skew the results. Melaney Seacat stated that the dot votes would be taken out of the summary. John Carlson stated he did not envision a consensus. Jim Barry said he wanted to make sure everyone's position was stated in the report and recommended that in future voting, each person could only vote once on each item.

Sabrina Cotta presented a report change tracking spreadsheet and discussed how the committee's edits were being tracked and added to the report.

5. **SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

Marcelino Flores asked the committee if they had any comments for Dale Keyes or Margot Garcia. Dale Keyes stated that the draft report contains expanded narrative and was hopefully grouped in a way to help the committee write the report. Marcelino Flores recommended putting the sustainability summary in the chapter and comments from the actual sustainability meeting in the appendix. Rob Kulakofsky stated that sustainability was a values approach and that policy could not be made without values but must be based in reality. John Carlson stated that strong statements can be made now but must be re-examined over time. Marcelino Flores stated that the committee needed to look for commonality among the statements and maybe those could be used as principles. Melaney Seacat stated that Margot and Dale found common themes and suggested the committee review their sustainability statements within these categories.

The draft sustainability report was accepted by the committee with a voice vote of 10-0.

6. **FINAL REPORT WRITING BREAK OUT GROUPS: CHAPTER 3**

The committee was broken into two groups. Group one included Jim Barry, Sean Sullivan, Vince Vasquez, Tina Lee, and Bruce Gungle. Group two included Marcelino Flores, Mark Stratton, Bonnie Poulos, Rob Kulakofsky, and John Carlson. Brainstorming was done on key points, Phase II topics and missing information for Chapter 3 of the report.

7. **LUNCH**

8. **FULL GROUP REPORT WRITING OF CHAPTER 3**

The committee reconvened and prioritized key points from Chapter 3 of the report.

9. **COOPERATIVE EFFORTS REPORT- CHAPTER 4**

Nicole Fyffe summarized the cooperative efforts report. The chapter can be found on the study website (tucsonpimawaterstudy.com).

Vince Vasquez asked for clarification about effluent appropriation rights. Chris Avery answered that wastewater can control water until it is discharged to the stream and then it is subject to appropriations. After water flows out of AMA the right to recharge disappears.

Nicole Fyffe stated that wastewater is in the process of identifying potential sites for a Southeast side treatment plant. John Carlson mentioned that he had heard this wasn't realistic. Ed Curley stated that the utility is looking at it more holistically now, in terms of the whole Southeast area identifying current flows and where growth will be.

10. **NEXT STEPS**

Nicole Gavin stated that the next meeting would be January 10, 2009 and the committee would receive a red-line version of chapters 1-3 and drafts of all parts of the report. The goal of the January 10th meeting is to have a rough draft of the report to go to the public.

Marcelino Flores asked about getting sustainability statements from the utilities.

Melaney Seacat requested that the committee decide on meeting times and locations for Phase II.

11. **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Nancy Freeman stated that there is a lot of water ruining public property in Pima County and that recharge basins need to be considered.

Donna Branch-Gilby stated the San Joaquin valley was not putting thousands of acres of land under food production because there was not enough water and recommended the book *The Transition Handbook* to the committee.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Barry at 2:35 p.m.



**City/County Water & Wastewater Study Oversight
Committee Meeting- 12/13/2008 Attendees**



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	Last Name	First Name	Organization	
1	Branch-Gilby	Donna	Milagro Co-housing	✓
2	Cole	Charles J.		✓
3	Daw	Sarah	UA Water Sustainability Project	✓
4	Freeman	Nancy	Groundwater Awareness league	✓
5	Garcia	Margot		✓
6	Keyes	Dale		✓
7	Little	Val	Water CASA	✓