

CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)



Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 7:00 a.m.
Director's Conference Room
Tucson Water, 3rd Floor
310 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by CWAC Chair, Christopher Brooks at 7:04 a.m.
Those present and absent were:

Present:

Christopher Brooks	Chair, Representative, City Manager
Kelly Lee	Vice Chair, Representative, Ward 6 (arrived at 7:15am)
Robert Walkup	Representative, City Manager
Mark Taylor	Representative, City Manager
Mark Murphy	Representative, Mayor
Brian Wong	Representative, City Manager
Chuck Freitas	Representative, City Manager
Jean McLain	Representative, City Manager
Alan Tonelson	Representative, Ward 1
Alan Forrest	Tucson Water, Director, Ex Officio Member

Absent:

Catlow Shipek	Representative, City Manager
Herman Ortiz	Representative, City Manger
Bruce Billings	Representative, Ward 3
Jackson Jenkins	Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Director, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Members Present:

Sandy Elder	Tucson Water, Deputy Director
Jeff Biggs	Tucson Water, Strategic Initiatives Administrator
Melodee Loyer	Tucson Water, Engineering Manager
Chris Rodriguez	Tucson Water, Customer Service Administrator
Pat Eisenberg	Tucson Water, Engineering Administrator
Wally Wilson	Tucson Water, Chief Hydrologist
Scott Schladweiler	Tucson Water, Engineering Manager
Leah Rhodes	Tucson Water, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Kelly Gottschalk	City of Tucson, Assistant City Manager
Michael Block	Metro Water District, Water Resources Manager
Julie Brugger	UA Research Scientist
Dick Gelpke	Newspaper, Citizen
Harold Smith	Raftelis Financial Investments
Aaron Wzuzans	City of Tucson, Finance Department

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Susan Spiess
Ty Morton
Amy Stabler
Claire Zucker

City of Tucson, Finance Department
CH2MHILL, Engineer
Ward 6 Council Office
Pima Association of Governments

2. **Announcements** – Alan Tonelson mentioned the public forum on Water Issues that was scheduled to take place at the Ward 1 Council Office was changed to the Pima County Housing Center on Congress Street, which will be advertised in the March bill insert. Christopher Brooks announces that CWAC has a new City Manager appointee, Mr. Robert Walkup.

3. **Call to Audience** – No action taken

4. **Review of January 8, 2013 Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – Committee Chair Brooks motioned to approve the Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013. Chuck Freitas briefed Tucson Water staff on the changes to be made. Minutes were approved.

5. **Director's Report -**

a. Mayor and Council Items – Mr. Forrest briefed the committee on the January 8, 2014 Mayor and Council meeting regarding the Southeast Houghton Area Recharge Project update and Tucson Water is still developing a design contract. In addition, an amendment to the Pima County Billing IGA for a time extension was approved and Tucson Water will bring this item back to Mayor and Council sometime in March.

Council Member Kozachik pulled the item of In-Leu Tax on the January 22, 2014 meeting and requested Tucson Water, Environmental Services, Finance and Budget staff to meet and discuss the issues. Staff will present the recommendations at a future CWAC or the Finance sub-committee meeting.

Mr. Forrest announced that the application by Farmer's Investment Company to connect a Pipeline to the Pima Mine Road Recharge Project was approved at the February 4, 2014, Mayor and Council meeting.

Future Mayor and Council meetings will be on Tucson Water's Financial Plan at the February 19, 2014, Regular Session. Tucson Water's Customer Service Improvements requested by Ward 3 will be on the March 4, 2014, Study Session.

b. Department Updates – Mr. Forrest briefed CWAC that Tucson Water currently has 44 1/2 vacancies and ten active recruitments and nine new hires. Alex Hingle is no longer with Tucson Water and Jeff Biggs will be coordinating the CWAC meetings for Tucson Water.

6. **Subcommittee Reports**

Technical, Policy, and Planning Subcommittee – Mark Murphy invited the committee to stay after the meeting for any members interested in serving on the TPP subcommittee. The Water Service Area Policy will be reviewed at the next meeting and will be presented at the June 4, 2014 CWAC meeting.

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Finance Subcommittee – Christopher Brooks announced that a doodle pole was sent out for the month of February and March to discuss the Rate Process.

Conservation and Education Subcommittee – Mark Taylor mentioned his trip to New Zealand and inquired if Tucson Water has researched information on dual flush toilets. Jean McLain suggests Tucson Water to research further into dual flush toilets and training staff on the information.

RWRAC Update – Mark Taylor attended the last meeting and informed CWAC that the Tres Rios Facility is up and running. The Roger Road Facility was closed as of January 8, 2014. Agua Nueva is up and partially running and flows are increasing on a regular basis. The financial plan will be presented at the next meeting.

A struvite formation (fertilizer) is appearing on the sides of the treatment plant and they are looking at different remedies to turn it into a revenue source.

7. **Update on Advanced Oxidation Process** – Jeff Biggs presented a power point presentation on the history of TCE and 1,4-dioxane contamination and the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) treatment facility. Mr. Biggs provided the history of TCE and 1,4-dioxane contamination and the subsequent major mile stones of the of the continued clean up efforts for both chemicals. In addition, Mr. Biggs provided pictures from the AOP dedication ceremony held on January 15, 2014.
8. **Tucson Water Security Series, Part 2 of 3: Physical Security** – Allan Tarket presented a powerpoint on the importance of Tucson Water's security. Tucson Water services over 850,000 people which means there are many facilities and well sites that are accessible to people. The number one problem that Tucson Water experiences at these facilities is theft. Tucson Water is taking the necessary actions to protect each facility. Tucson Water's long range plan is to continue to improve internal/external City, County, State and Federal responder coordination, response and training.
9. **Future Meeting / Agenda Items** – See the Projected Agenda for Full Detail
10. **Call to Audience** – No action taken
11. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Approved 3/12/14.