



Citizens' Water Advisory Committee
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Date: January 9, 2013

To: The Honorable Mayor and
Council Members

From: Mark Taylor, Chair
Citizens' Water Advisory Committee
(CWAC)

Subject: Tucson Water Service Area Policy

The Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) respectfully encourages Mayor and Council to consider and approve the proposed refinements to the Tucson Water Service Area Policy forwarded by CWAC on December 7, 2011. CWAC offers the following background to highlight the need for action on this long-standing item.

In May 2011, Tucson Water staff began soliciting feedback for the first annual review of the Water Service Area Policy that was originally approved by Mayor and Council August 2010. Following staff's initial efforts, Mayor and Council directed the CWAC Technical Policy and Planning Subcommittee to create a work plan designed to obtain sufficient input from all sectors of the community. Based on input from a diverse cross-section of the community, the CWAC Technical Policy and Planning Subcommittee drafted nine proposed refinements to the Water Service Area Policy in November 2011 to be considered by CWAC at the December meeting. On December 7, 2011, CWAC approved the nine proposed refinements, with minor revisions, and forwarded the matter to Mayor and Council for consideration.

CWAC appreciates that Mayor and Council's actions must balance all perspectives and issues confronting our community. We are, however, compelled to remind you that several local businesses are anxiously awaiting resolution of this matter so that they can move forward on viable development projects. Over the past year and a half, these impacted parties have diligently and respectfully attended numerous public outreach meetings, CWAC meetings, and CWAC Subcommittee meetings seeking reasonable relief from the Water Service Area Policy. We believe the proposed refinements will provide such relief, while also providing clarity regarding Tucson Water's business practices going forward.

We thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

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