



## CWAC – URBAN AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMITTEE

# Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
Directors Conference Room  
Tucson Water, Third Floor  
320 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, Arizona

### 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Freitas, Committee Chair at 9:05 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Chuck Freitas  
Christopher J. Brooks, J.D.  
Jean McLain  
Catlow Shipek  
Brian Wong

Staff Members Present:

Melodee Loyer, Water Quality  
Nancy Gradillas, Tucson Water Finance  
Mark Titus, Backflow and Reclaimed Water  
Scott Schladweiler, New Development

Other Attendees:

Melody Burton, Pima County Finance and Risk Management Department  
Manabendra Changkakoti, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

### 2. Call to Audience

Chuck Freitas made the call to audience. There were no audience members who stepped forward.

### 3. Billing System Dual (Sub) Metering Impacts

Nancy Gradillas indicated that a billing system upgrade would be necessary to allow the calculation of wastewater flow based on the main meter with an adjacent dual meter. The existing billing system is not capable of this. Another option would be for manual input of the data from the dual meter, but this is labor intensive, and is an option already provided by Pima County. Melody Burton of Pima County confirmed that the county has an option for non-residential customers to install 'secondary' meters virtually anywhere on property, and report those meters to the County, for manual adjustment of their wastewater use.

#### **4. Customer Base that Might Benefit from Dual (Sub) Metering**

Melodee Loyer gave a presentation on customers who might benefit if dual metering were an option at Tucson Water. .

#### **5. Dual (Sub) Metering Principles**

Melodee Loyer gave an overview of possible Dual Metering Principles. The Committee discussed the principles, and made some recommendations for modifications to those principles, if adopted.

The sub-committee determined that dual metering does not need to be implemented at Tucson Water, due to the availability of secondary metering with Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department.

#### **6. General Discussion – Water for Urban Agriculture**

The sub-committee discussed dual metering, as well as the County's secondary metering option, and existing rates that would be applicable to Urban Agriculture. It was agreed that there are sufficient resources in place for Urban Agricultural customers, and that the subcommittee saw no need for special rates, fee relief, nor implementation of a dual metering option.

#### **7. Future Meetings/Agenda Items\***

The Sub-Committee decided to pen a memorandum to deliver to the CWAC committee on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, recommending no action. Melodee Loyer will prepare a draft of that memorandum for review and comment from the sub-committee members. The memorandum will then be finalized. Nor additional future meetings or agenda items are anticipated.

#### **8. Call to Audience**

Chuck Freitas made the call to audience. There were no audience members who stepped forward.

#### **9. Adjournment**

Chuck Frietas asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made and confirmed.