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### **FOUR PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS SET FOR PROPOSED WATER RATE SCHEDULES**

Tucson Water is proposing to increase certain water rate components and fees. On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, the Mayor and Council authorized a Public Hearing be held on May 22, 2012. In addition to the May 22 Public Hearing, interested persons are encouraged to attend one of four community meetings being held to learn about the budget and rate proposals and provide comments. The public meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, May 2, 5:30 –7:30 p.m. – Woods Memorial Library, 3455 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 –7:30 p.m – Quincie Douglas Library, 1585 E. 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
Tuesday, May 15, 5:30 –7:30 p.m – Mission Library, 3770 S. Mission Rd.  
Thursday, May 17, 5:30 –7:30 p.m – Miller-Golf Links Library, 9640 E. Golf Links Rd.

The Citizens Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) is appointed by the Mayor and Council and the City Manager's Office to annually review the revenue requirements of the water system. The sixteen CWAC members spend approximately eight months of the year reviewing Tucson Water budget proposals and developing rate and fee recommendations. This year's proposal includes recommendations to modify the monthly service charge, and proposes changes to the residential water rate structure.

Interim Water Director Sandy Elder supports the effort that the CWAC members make to ensure that Tucson Water is able to continue providing reliable water service to customers. "The CWAC membership represents our customer base well, and they work hard to ensure that rate recommendations are equitable to all customers. I encourage our customers to attend one of the informational meetings to learn how the recommendations were developed and to provide comments to Tucson Water staff."

A public hearing is scheduled during the May 22 Mayor and Council meeting. Following the hearing, Mayor and Council are expected to vote on whether or not to adopt a new water rate schedule.

More information is available on Tucson Water's website at [tucsonaz.gov/water](http://tucsonaz.gov/water) or at (520) 791-4331.

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