



CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes

1. **Roll Call:**

CWAC Mark Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Mark Taylor, Chair	Representative, City Manager
Alison Jones, Vice Chair	Representative, Ward 6
Ed Hendel	Representative, Mayor
Mitch Basefsky	Representative, City Manager
Rory Juneman	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Mark Stratton	Representative, City Manager
Placido dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Val Little	Representative, Ward 3
Steve Arnquist	Representative, Ward 2
Mark Lewis	Representative, Ward 5

Absent:

Raye Winch	Representative, City Manager
George White	Representative, Ward 4

- Announcements** – Chair Taylor introduced new CWAC member Raul Ramirez. Member Ramirez provided a brief background on his education, work history, and personal interests and accomplishments. Chair Taylor thanked Mark Stratton for his chairmanship of the Finance subcommittee, and acknowledged Steven Washburn as the new chair. Member Basefsky advised Central Arizona Project (CAP) Board meeting is scheduled Thursday January 7, 2021, public policy begins at 9:00 a.m. and the board meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Chair Taylor also added that Alison Jones has been appointed as RWRAC representative, and has graciously accepted. A program for the public, to increase awareness and knowledge about CAP on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. Those in attendance received a certificate. CAP monthly board meeting takes place Thursday, December 3, 2020, five new members were elected; the oath of offices will take place. Public Policy is also an expected agenda item.
- Call to Audience** – None
- Review of December 2, 2020, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – Member Dos Santos moved to approve the Legal Action Report and Minutes. The motion was duly seconded by Member Jones. During the discussion, a time discrepancy needed to be corrected for member Arnquist arrival. Motion passed on a voice vote of 11 - 0.

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5. Director's Report – Deputy Director John Kmiec provided updates on the following topics:

Mayor and Council Items –

January 5

Tim Thomure lead the discussion for Tucson Water regarding potential fees relating to the Pre-Annexation Development Agreements (PADA) during the study session which included possible differential rate options for consideration. Council requested information on the impacts of a differential rate from water staff and feedback from CWAC before the April meeting. Council also directed water staff to bring a Notice of Intent (NOI) on February 9 for an Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) fee for future customers. The public hearing for the Pre-Annexation and Development PADA \$750.00 fee will be held on January 20. During the update CWAC members used the opportunity to inquire about differential rates, and offered comment on the subject. Committee Chair designated the February and March meeting for continued discussion and recommendation. Each member was requested to email information requests to the chair related to the subject.

Department Updates – Tucson Water is in its 121 year, and Director Thomure is expected to return to the utility from Parks and Recreation on January 12. Scott Schladweiler has been hired on as Tucson Water Chief Engineer and is expected to start in February. Department vacancies are at 105, with 26 active recruitments and 35 pending new hires. Deputy Director Kmiec also provided an update on of the water production dashboard. COVID-19 updated included a tentative plan for staff to receive the vaccination according to Pima County.

Other Updates-The I-11 is a proposed corridor from the southwest beginning in Marana through Avra Valley and rejoining I-19, bypassing the City of Tucson as a shipping and trucking route. There is an upcoming thirty-day review process for the Environmental Impact study beginning in the next week, Tucson Water staff will review and submit feedback

6. Subcommittee Reports –

Technical, Planning, and Policy Subcommittee (TPP) –Subcommittee Chair Basefsky shared the subcommittee met in December and held annual chair elections, and review of the 2021 meeting dates and times. The subcommittee received a presentation on Lower Santa Cruz Basin Study and Landscape Architecture.

Finance Subcommittee – Subcommittee Chair Stratton shared the subcommittee met in December and held annual chair elections, and review of the 2021 meeting dates and times. Steven Washburn was elected as subcommittee chair. The subcommittee received a presentation on the Financial Plan.

Conservation and Education Subcommittee (C&E) – Subcommittee Chair Little shared the subcommittee met in December and held annual chair elections, and review of the 2021 meeting dates and times. The subcommittee meeting discussions included updates from the Conservation Program, review of the Conservation and Ordinances Policy recommendation, and introduction to the Urban Forestry Program Manager Nicole Gillett.

Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee (RWRAC) Update – CWAC Chair and appointed Alison Jones as RWRAC representative. Member Taylor reported the meeting was held on December 17, a presentation was given by Drew Oppenheimer on Ecological Impacts

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along the Santa Cruz River. Jackson Jenkins provided updates, the county is a recipient of the NACWA awards for treatment operations, and collection system. future growth over the next ten years. PFAS Study updates were given concerning bio-solids. The meetings are recorded and available on the website. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28.

7. **Financial Plan** - The item was presented by Deputy Director Silvia Amparano. Items presented and discussed:

5-year Financial Plan FY22-FY26

Meets all Financial Metrics FY22-26

Maintains Infrastructure Reserve funds

Assumes Purchases of full Central Arizona Project (CAP) allocation

Flat O&M budget to this FY

Maintains \$70M annual CIP investment

Obtains PAYGO funding for CIP FY2024

Assumes CAP Tier 1 Shortage starting in 2022 (FY2022)

No rate increase FY22; Assumes 4% rate increases FY23-26

Revenue Forecast

Potable Forecast

Potable Water Combined Forecast

Average Monthly use per Single Family Account

Consumption Forecast

Consumption by class by year

Consumption by Variance

Reclaim Consumption

O&M Budget

Capital Improvement Plan

Debt Service

Conservation Fund

Working Model

Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fund

Working Model

Next Steps

CWAC Review – January

Mayor and Council Review – Spring

Motion: Member Stratton motioned for approval FY22 Financial Plan as presented by staff. The motion was duly seconded by Member Jones. Discussion Member Lewis requested addition verbiage be included to acknowledgement the item was reviewed by subcommittee, CWAC expressed no reservation, water staff provided material to support inquired by the subcommittee be reflected in the memorandum to Mayor and Council. Discussion continued on the wording of the motion and the document to come. Words to be clarified within the document to council. The motion passed on a voice vote 9-0 with 3 abstentions.

8. Future Meetings / Agenda Items

Differential Rates, Pre-Annexation and Development Application (PADA), and Green Stormwater Infrastructure mini-fund were added to the list.

9. **Adjournment** – Meeting ended at 11:03 a.m.