



CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)

Wednesday, March 3, 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 9:01 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
Raye Winch	Representative, City Manager
Marie Pearthree	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez	Representative, Ward 1
Steve Arnquist	Representative, Ward 2
Val Little	Representative, Ward 3
George White	Representative, Ward 4
Mark Lewis	Representative, Ward 5

Absent:

- 2. Announcements**—Chair Taylor introduced Marie Pearthree as a new CWAC member representing the City Manager's Office, Mrs. Pearthree introduced herself and provided background information. Jessica Rodriguez provided a reminder to type motions in the chat, prior to making a motion please clearly state your name, the motion is to be spoken aloud and verbally seconded for the Legal Action Report, Meeting Minutes, and recording. Chat Box is not an official record.
- 3. Review and Approval of January 6, 2021 and February 3, 2021, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** - Member Basefsky moved to approve the Legal Action Report and Minutes. The motion was duly seconded by Member Stratton. Discussion: Member Lewis inquired about a sentence structure in the announcements. Member Lewis expressed concerns with the appropriate information to be recorded in the meeting minutes. Chair Taylor postponed the vote to a future meeting. No Action was taken.
- 4. Director's Report** - Interim Director John Kmiec provided a brief Mayor and Council update *March 23*
Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for Heritage Project streamflow-gaging stations (C)

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Joint Funding Agreement with Sonoran Institute for expansion of Living River report (C)
Grant Agreement with ADWR in support of Tucson Water's water-loss control program (C)

April 6

Differential water rates discussion (SS) and Notice of Intent (R)

Conservation Effluent Pool project applications (C)

April 20

PFAS quarterly update (SS)

Public Hearing: PADA EDU Fee (R)

5. **Pre-Annexation and Development Agreements (PADA) Differential Rate Follow-up Discussion** - Interim Assistant City Manager Timothy Thomure provided next steps and updates on stakeholder outreach. The information presented and discussed was:

Stakeholder Outreach now through April 6, 2021

Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) fee

PADA Application Fee

Differential Rate discussion

Differential Rate (Next steps)

Return to Mayor and Council with summary of public outreach and Notice of Intent (NOI) for consideration on April 6, 2021

Public Hearing June 8, 2021

Effective Date July 5, 2021

Members had clarifying questions during the update to expand on their understanding of the subject. No Action was taken

6. **Pre-Annexation and Development Agreements (PADA) Differential Rate Follow-up Discussion CWAC Member feedback** – Chair Taylor opened the discussion, he advised each committee member had been provided an opportunity to be educated on the subject of differential rates. He provided five questions in advance of the meeting and requested each member to respond and provide feedback during the discussion. Each member was also tasked with providing feedback in writing to the chair and vice chair once the meeting concluded.

- Do you think there should be different water rates between the City of Tucson and unincorporated Pima County?
- If yes, what % increase should be imposed on unincorporated Pima County?
- If yes, where should the additional funds go? City of Tucson General Fund? Tucson Water, and for what purpose in TW?
- Do you believe differential rates will provide the desired outcome, which is incentive for annexation?
- Do you have any other points to make about differential rates?

Chair Taylor invited each committee member to verbally respond to the questions and provide feedback in a roundtable fashion. During the comment period ten (10) members did not support differential rates and five (5) members were supportive of differential rates.

Motion: Member Dos Santos motioned to have CWAC chair and vice chair prepare a letter to mayor and council recommending against adopting differential waterer rates at this time but also

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communicating both views of majority and minority opinions of CWAC members. The motion was duly seconded by Member Lewis. **Discussion:** Member Hendel was concerned about the wording of the motion and accuracy of the motion reflecting the views of the entire committee. The Motion passed on a voice vote 11 - 1.

7. **Call to Audience** – Kathy Chavez of Pima County and Wally Wilson of Metro Water were given opportunity to comment on differential rates
8. **Future Meetings / Agenda Items -**
9. **Adjournment** – Meeting ended at 11:19 a.m.