



CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CWAC) Conservation & Education Subcommittee

Monday, July 11, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes

1) **Call to Order / Opening Statement:**

Meeting manager Jessica Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Roll Call:

Those present and absent were:

Present:

Lisa Shipek (Chair)	Representative, Ward 3
Ed Hendel	Representative, Mayor
Raul Ramirez	Representative, Ward 1
Roxanna Valenzuela**	Representative, Ward 2

Absent:

Raye Winch	Representative, City Manager
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2) **Announcements** – Special note before calling the meeting to order, Chair Shipeck requested Member Hendel to assist in chairing the meeting due to technical difficulties

3) **Review and approval of May 9, 2022, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** - Member Hendel moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Minutes. Member Ramirez duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 3 – 0.

4) **2021 Conservation Annual Report Memorandum** – Mrs. Rodriguez provided the memorandum to the committee members to review and discuss. Chair Shipeck asked the committee for additional feedback. Member Ramirez requested clarification on the definition for GPCD. Chair Shipeck also accepted the edits from Vice Chair Jones sent via email. Motion: Member Hendel motioned to approve the memorandum with the changes as discussed.

** Roxana Valenzuela arrived at 2:18 p.m.



Member Ramirez duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0

5) **Water Policy Discussion** – Chair Shipeck requested Candice Rupprecht, City of Tucson Water Department Conservation Superintendent, to lead the discussion. Mrs. Rupprecht shared a memorandum sent to Mayor and Council from Tucson Water Director Kmiec. Mrs. Rupprecht updated the committee with the direction given to Tucson Water at the June 7, 2022, Mayor and Council meeting to include five policy considerations.

- a) Modifying the building code requires using EPA Water Sense certified fixtures in new construction.
- b) Low-Impact Development ordinance, implementation of green stormwater infrastructure in new residential construction
- c) Requiring irrigation meters for commercial and multifamily properties over specified size/use thresholds.
- d) Requiring submetering for townhome and condo developments.
- e) Implement a Net Zero Water approach for new development.

The committee was asked to seek additional conservation actions in addition to the drought plan and reviewed a list of policy considerations. Members were given an opportunity to question and comment on the policies and offer feedback to the department. Mrs. Rupprecht requested the committee provide additional stakeholders for Tucson Water to contact and members to consider their professional expertise and provide feedback to the department.

6) **Future Meetings / Agenda Items** – Chair Shipeck opened the discussion for members to identify future agenda topics for the committee. Those items reviewed and discussed were:

- a) Monthly Check-ins for Differential Water Rates
 - i) Three areas of policy: Climate change, Infrastructure improvements & Low-Income assistance
- b) Conservation Fee Budget
- c) Tier 2 Drought Response
 - i) City of Tucson Water responses and water use guidelines
 - ii) Communication and Education to the public
- d) One Water 2100 Master Plan (1W2100)
 - i) Public Engagement scheduled for August 16, 2022
 - ii) Survey to the public before full CWAC in the spring

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- iii) review
- e) Equity
 - i) Low-income assistance
 - ii) Targeted rebates
 - iii) Harvesting Rebates.
- 7) **Call to Audience** – Audience member Mark Day commented on submetering for apartments and the possibility of interior water use and monitoring. Mr. Day suggested the builders place submeters for individual units. Mr. Day also suggested Fire Hydrant containers during hydrant flushing for recovery into the sewer system.
- 8) **Adjournment** – Meeting ended at 3:37 p.m.