

CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CWAC)

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes

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

CWAC Chair Rory Juneman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2) **Roll Call:**

Those present and absent were:

Present:

Rory Juneman, Chair	Representative, City Manager
Alison Jones, Vice Chair	Representative, Ward 6
Ed Hendel	Representative, Mayor
Val Little	Representative, City Manager
Mark Stratton	Representative, City Manager
Raye Winch	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Juliet McKenna	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez	Representative, Ward 1
Lisa Shipek	Representative, Ward 3
Roxanna Valenzuela	Representative, Ward 2
Robert Jaramillo	Representative, Ward 5
James Doyle	Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
John Kmiec	Ex-Officio (non-Voting) City of Tucson Water Department Director

Absent:

Raye Winch **Representative, City Manager**

- 3) **Announcements** – Melissa Lal was recently appointed to CWAC as a representative of Ward 4. Once Ms. Lal takes her oath of office, she will be a voting member of the committee. Chair Juneman announced the committee would review and discuss commercial rates on March 1, 2023.

- 4) **Review and approval of January 4, 2023, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – **Motion:** Member Stratton moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Meeting Minutes. Member Jones duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The **motion passed** on a roll-call vote of 10 – 0.

- 5) **Director's Report** – Director John Kmiec provided brief updates as follows:
- a) Mayor and Council items:
 - i) January 11:
 - (1) Jaimie Galayda will provide a 1W2100 community engagement summary.
 - (2) FY23-27 water rate increase authorized. The Central Arizona Project (CAP) rate increase will be effective 30 days after approval. Water rate increases will be implemented on July 1.
 - ii) February 22:
 - (1) PFAS Update
 - (2) Turf Ordinance Discussion
 - (3) Drought Contingency Plan
 - b) Department updates: Vacancies remain high; there were 111 vacancies, 28 active recruitments, and eight pending new hires. Scott Schladweiler is the new Deputy Director of Tucson Water.

Members asked questions; Director Kmiec fielded questions throughout his report to clarify information for the committee and provide important information on water matters; no action was taken.

- 6) **Colorado River Update** – Patrick Dent, Central Arizona Project (CAP), Assistant General Manager, Water Policy, presented the Colorado River System.
- a) Total System Storage
 - b) Releases from Lake Mead
 - c) Lake Mead Storage & Conservation
 - d) Lower Basin Storage Sharing
 - e) Arizona Colorado River Water Conserved in Lake Mead
 - f) Inflation Reduction Act
 - g) 2023 Supplemental EIS to the 2007 ROD
 - h) Reclamation SEIS Modeling Analysis
 - i) Supplemental EIS Purpose
 - j) Overview of Proposed Action
 - k) Preliminary Alternatives
 - l) SEIS Comment
 - m) Schedule of SEIS
 - n) 6 State Modeling Proposal

The committee held an open discussion; no action was taken.

- 7) **Subcommittee Report Questions** – Each subcommittee chair reviewed agenda item discussions held at previous meetings and updated the committee on future subcommittee topics.

- 8) **Call to Audience** – None.
- 9) **Future Meeting / Agenda Items** – Chair Juneman requested that future agenda items be shared with Jessica Rodriguez. Future items requested include:
 - a) One Water 2100
 - b) PFAS costs to the utility will be presented at Finance subcommittee first.
 - c) Conservation Budget
 - d) Staffing, Turnover & Recruitment
 - e) Legislative Updates
- 10) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.