



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

Monday, March 10, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

2) **Roll Call:**

Those present and absent were:

Present:

Ed Hendel Representative,	Mayor
Lisa Shipek (Chair)	Representative, Ward 3
Raye Winch*	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez	Representative, Ward 1

Absent:

3) **Announcements** – None

4) **Review and approval of February 13, 2022, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** - Member Hendel moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Minutes. Member Ramirez duly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0.

5) **Call to the audience** – No audience comment.

6) **Conservation Programs (Mobile Home Parks)** – Candice Rupprecht, Tucson Water Superintendent introduced a series of low income conservation solutions relating to residential services for the committee to review and discuss. Those items reviewed and discussed were:

- a) Existing Services
 - i) Free high-efficiency toilets



- ii) Free emergency repairs
- iii) Rainwater Harvesting grants & loans
- b) New Services
 - i) Gray Water Harvesting Grants & loans
 - ii) Discounted clothes washers
- c) Eligibility
 - i) Income thresholds
 - ii) Homeowner lives in the home
 - iii) Mobile home moving – certificate requirements
- d) Qualification
 - i) Rebates with and Home Owner Association (HOA) water account
 - ii) Documented Tucson Water accounts
- e) Mobile Home Communities
 - i) 100 in Tucson Water Service Area
 - ii) All master metered
 - iii) Mobile Homes – the land not owned; rented or leased
- f) Considerations
 - i) MHC approval
 - ii) Sizing & locations features
 - iii) Limit to smaller systems
- g) Targeted Outreach
 - i) Letters & emails
 - ii) Low Income Rack cards
 - iii) outreach activities with mobile home parks

No action was taken on this item.

- 7) **Pool Removal Website** – Gary Woodard, Water Resources Consulting shared the launch of the new website. The study is based on Placido Dos Santos (previous CWAC member) pool removal. Those items reviewed and discussed were:
- a) Research on swimming pool removal
 - b) Types of Pool removal
 - i) Quick fill
 - ii) Demo & fill
 - iii) Exhume
 - c) Most pools in high-valued homes
 - d) Annual water savings

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- e) Research on pool removal results model
 - i) Problem & solutions
- f) Water providers to reduce unwanted pools
- g) Website review
 - i) <https://poolremovalhelp.org/>

No action was taken on this item.

8) Future Meetings / Agenda Items –

- a) Low Income Brochure distribution
- b) Commercial Accounts with second meters; landscape, potable vs. reclaim
 - i) Reclaim water for landscape
- c) Increased reclaim rates 7 fees for conservation funding
- d) Conservation Annual Report feedback
- e) Storm to Shade
- f) Limited Income Rainwater Harvesting
- g) Drought Response Tier 3

9) **Call to Audience** – Fernando Molina, retired Tucson Water staff, shared comments on Spa and Pool Alliance of Southern Arizona and concerns with Pima County drought response ordinance for pool removal.

10) **Adjournment** – The meeting ended at 3:55 p.m.