

CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CWAC)

Wednesday, May 3, 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
Raye Winch	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Mark Stratton	Representative, City Manager
Juliet McKenna	Representative, City Manager
Val Little	Representative, City Manager
Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez	Representative, Ward 1
Lisa Shipek	Representative, Ward 3
Melissa Lal	Representative, Ward 4
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:

Roxanna Valenzuela Representative, Ward 2

3) Announcements – Chair Rory Juneman announced Andrea Gerlak is new to the committee and provided her an opportunity to introduce herself to the committee. Mrs. Gerlak provided her background and interests for being on the committee. Chair Juneman also announced the last meeting for member Mark Stratton. There will be an opportunity to recognize him for his service after the summer break.

4) Review and approval of April 5, 2023, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes (Item taken out of order) – Motion: Member Stratton moved to approve the Legal Action Report &

Meeting Minutes. Member Little duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The **motion passed** on a roll-call vote of 11 – 0.

5) **Director's Report (Item taken out of order)** – Tucson Water Director John Kmiec provided brief updates as follows:

a) Mayor and Council items:

i) April 18:

Approved: Storm to Shade project construction authorization

IGA with Pima County for Sunset Campus water study

IGA with ADEQ for TARP PFAS treatment reimbursement

ii) May 9:

SS: IGA Arizona Department of Economic Security: Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIWAP)

iii) May 23:

SS: Proposed revision to commercial rates (rescheduled from 4/18)

PFAS Quarterly Update

b) Colorado River Update: A reoccurring 24-month study reported higher run-off than predicted and higher elevations in Lake Mead. The official report is released in August of each year.

c) Department Updates: The City of Tucson is expecting to participate in the System Conservation and Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) over the next three years with a plan to leave 50,000 AF in 2023 and flexibility in future years. EIS is currently under review and there is a 45-day timeline for comments. Final connection is underway for the Irvington outfall for the reclaim system and Tucson Airport Remediation Project (TARP)

Members asked questions; Director Kmiec fielded questions throughout his report to clarify information for the committee and provide important information on water matters.

6) **Lower Santa Cruz River (LSCR) Basin Study Summary Presentation** – Wally Wilson, Study Co-Chair, presented the material. Those items included:

a) LSCR Basin Study Objectives

b) Four steps of Reclamation Study

c) Scenarios A-F

d) Future Scenarios

e) Climate Simulation Downscale Methodology

f) Key Supply & Demand Drivers - Rate of Growth

g) Key Supply & Demand Drivers – Climate

i) Example Results

h) Groundwater Model Components

- i) Rate of growth Supply & Demand Drivers
- j) Stream Channel Infiltration
- k) Underground Storage Facilities (USF)
- l) Pumping Projections
- m) Recovery & Delivery of Recharge CAP supplies
- n) Projected Changes in Tucson AMA
- o) Projected Change in Groundwater Elevations
 - i) Map of Areas of Concerns
- p) Adaptation Strategies
- q) Results Summary

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** – Mark Day, thanked the committee for the presentation and information provided.
- 9) **Future Meeting / Agenda Items** – The June meeting is going to include the Water Service Area Policy and Water checkbook. Future agenda items should include adaptive strategies for the committee to provide to Mayor and Council. The committee was informed of the US Water Alliance conferenced in Tucson November 14-16, 2023, and the University of Arizona Water Resource conference July 12, 2023.
- 10) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.