



CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)
Finance Subcommittee

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Washburn. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Steven Washburn, Chair	Representative, City Manager
Rory Juneman	Representative, City Manager
Val Little	Representative, City Manager

2. Announcements – None

3. Review & Approval of February 16, 2023, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes
– Member Juneman moved to approve the Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes; Member Little duly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 3 – 0.

4. FY23 Year-to Date –Amber Kerwin, Tucson Water Rates Manager reviewed and discussed the following:

- a. FY23 O&M Budget vs. Actuals – End of April
- b. FY23 CIP Budget vs Actual – End of April

No action was taken on this item.

5. Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIWAP) – Silvia Amparano, Tucson Water Deputy Director provided an update. Items reviewed and discussed were:

- a. Mayor and Council approved Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES).
- b. One-time federal funding through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for water and wastewater bills.

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- c. AZDES responsible for distribution
 - AZDES is working with Arizona utilities to bring customer delinquent accounts into good standing
 - \$24 million ear marked for delinquent customers \$20 million currently available for distribution.
 - Expiration September 2023, funds need to be obligated.
- d. Effort to create a continuous program are underway at the federal level.
- e. Tucson Water partnership with current limited income customers
 - Approximately \$3000 per customer account are available.
 - Changes to the policy eliminate delinquent accounts and offer the program to all limited income customers.
 - Collaborative efforts within the utility to set up accounts with customers for fund distribution on their water and wastewater bills.
 - Outbound calls and media distribution
 - Branding efforts; with Public Information Office

6. Call to Audience – None

7. Future agenda items – Cost Benefit Analysis of Rebates in Annual Conservation Report

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:50: p.m.