



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

Tuesday, June 12, 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 2:03 p.m.

2) **Roll Call:**

Those present and absent were:

Present:

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

Absent:

Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
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3) **Announcements** – Candice Rupprecht announced two water conservation ordinances passed through Mayor and Council. The first requirement of water sense fixtures in all new developments and second a ban on non-functional turf for commercial and multi-family settings. A turf removal rebate will become available to for Tucson Water customers; the rebate is in development.

4) **Review and approval of May 16, 2022, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** - Member Hendel moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Minutes. Member Winch duly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 3 – 0.

5) **Call to the audience** – (Item was taken out of order) CWAC Member Val Litte commented she appreciated the acknowledgment for additional staff needed for additional assignments, and the utility having a 20% vacancy rate. Member Little commented on the inconsistency of the memorandum directly from the subcommittee without full CWAC committee review.

*Member Raul Ramirez arrived at 2:10 p.m.



Member Little also had concerns with full CWAC committee having not seen the report, and some additional thoughts on Finance subcommittee reviewing the financials of the annual report.

6) **Conservation Report Memorandum** – Candice Rupprecht, Tucson Water Superintendent displayed the memorandum written by Chair Shipek. The subcommittee held an open discussion on the Annual Conservation Report draft and discussed the memorandum. Those items reviewed and discussed were:

- a) Drought Response plan and activities
- b) Memorandum comments and feedback
 - i) Limited Income:
 - (1) Renters, multi-family, mobile home parks, sub-metered
 - (2) Additional proposed language changes from Member Winch
- c) Additional staffing for Conservation Programs; Zanjeros; Audits
 - i) Data request for audits
 - ii) Additional proposed language changes from Chair Shipek
- d) Amnesty program; bill forgiveness on sub-metered properties

Motion: Chair Shipek called for a motion to accept the memorandum with associated changes. Member Ramirez motioned Member Winch duly seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote 4-0.

7) **Future Meetings Agenda Items** – Chair Shipek called on the subcommittee for future agenda items.

- a) Summer break: July and August, the subcommittee return September 11, 2023
- b) Budget in fall of CY2023
- c) Low-income water assistance program update
- d) 1W2100 update
 - i) Conservation & Stormwater (September/October)
 - ii) Reclaim Water: Commercial connections for restrooms (spring)
- e) Off-set of potable water use through reclaim water: send a request to discuss through Technical Planning & Policy subcommittee
- f) Program activities
 - i) Turf removal rebate
 - ii) Customized Home Waterworks Calculator incentives
 - iii) Rainwater Harvesting rebate changes
 - iv) Low-income changes for graywater



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8) **Call to Audience** – None

9) **Adjournment** – The meeting ended at 3:05 p.m.

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