

CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CWAC)

Wednesday, December 6, 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
Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Juliet McKenna	Representative, City Manager
Val Little	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:

Ed Hendel Representative, Mayor

3) Announcements – Chair Juneman announced the meeting agenda would be rearranged, and Member Andrea Gerlak is celebrating a her birthday.

4) Review and approval of November 1, 2023, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes – Motion: Member McKenna moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Meeting Minutes. Member Jones duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The **motion passed** on a voice vote 8 – 0, with one abstention.

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) November 14

- ii) SS: PFAS Quarterly Update
- iii) Consent Agenda WIFA Loan for Northwest Well Treatment Facility
November 28
Consent Agenda Green Storm Water Infrastructure (GSI) and Lower Santa
Cruz Recharge Program (LSCR) Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)
- b) Colorado River Update
- c) Potable and Reclaim Demand

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

- 6) **Officer Elections** – (Item taken out of order)
 - a) Proposed motion: Val Little as CWAC Chair and Alison Jones as Vice Chair for the 2024 calendar year

The committee reviewed the documentation of member nominations, acceptances, and declines for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. **Motion:** Member Washburn moved to accept the proposed motion of Val Little to be CWAC Chair and Alison Jones to be Vice Chair for the 2024 calendar year. Member Gerlak duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** Member Jones accepted the nomination with the understanding she is retiring from work and intends to resign from the committee sometime during the 2024 calendar year. The **motion passed** on a roll call vote of 9-0

- 7) **2024 Meeting Schedule** - (Item taken out of order)
 - a) Proposed motion: accept the proposed 2024 meeting calendar dates and times

The committee reviewed the proposed meeting dates. **Motion:** Member Jones moved to accept the proposed 2024 meeting calendar dates and times. Member Washburn duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** The committee members discussed continued in-person meetings, encouraging more members to attend in person with an advisory camera need to remain on throughout the meeting. The **motion passed** on a voice vote 9-0.

- 8) **Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)** - (Item taken out of order) The committee received extensive information on PFAS impacts across the state and locally in the Tucson basin from John Kmiec, Tucson Water Director, and Matt Narder, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. The committee also received an update on the Multidistrict Litigation Status from Christopher Avery, the City of Tucson's attorney.

- 9) **Call to Audience** – None

- 10) **Future Meeting / Agenda Items** – The committee suggested a short list of current agenda items and requested members send additional items to Jessica Rodriguez.

- a) RWRAC membership
- b) DPR for the utility
- c) Cyber security
- d) Tucson Water runs deep campaign (January)
- e) HR Update (January)

11) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.