

Citizens' Water Advisory Committee

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

Monday, January 8, 2024, 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:

Lisa Shipek (Chair)	Representative, Ward 3
Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
Val Little	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez	Representative, Ward 1

Absent:

3) **Announcements – Chair Shiek welcomed CWAC Chair Val Little to the subcommittee.**

4) **Review and approval of December 11, 2023, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes -** Member Gerlak moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Minutes. Member Ramirez duly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4 – 0.

5) **Call to the audience – None.**

6) **Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) Rebate Changes –** Candice Rupprecht, Water Program Superintendent, shared current program updates. The items reviewed and discussed were:

- a) Updated Goals
 - i) Capture Onsite rainwater as a functional water source
 - ii) Use of rainwater to grow landscape plants and urban canopy
 - iii) Align 1-inch capture with regional stormwater retention requirements
- b) New Application processes

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- c) Outreach & Support
 - i) RWH Zoo sessions
 - ii) Communication
 - iii) Recording training sessions
- d) Administrative Changes
 - i) Customers are to take a workshop before installation
 - ii) Online applications
 - iii) Pre-Approval before installation
 - iv) Site Visits
- e) Rebate Pricing Changes
 - i) Remove the cap for passive systems
 - ii) Passive system rebate of \$1.50/gallon based on basin volume
 - iii) System capture 1-inch
- f) 2024 Updates
- g) Future Considerations

No action was taken on this item.

- 7) **Low-income Changes for Graywater** – This item was delayed to a future meeting.
- 8) **Conservation Budget Planning** – James MacAdam, Water Administrator, briefly updated the subcommittee. The items reviewed and discussed were:
 - a) Request from City of Tucson Budgets to begin preparing budgets
 - b) Follow up on expenditures relating to professional servicesSubcommittee members and water staff held an open discussion on budget planning. No action was taken on this item.
- 9) **Call to Audience** – None.
- 10) **Future Agenda Items**
 - a) Conservation Budget Planning February
 - b) Program & Project Partners – March
 - c) Low-Income rebate changes (included with project partners) - March
 - d) Conservation Annual Report - April
- 11) **Adjournment** – The meeting ended at 3:16 p.m.