

**CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(CWAC)**

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

**Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes**

**1) Call to Order / Opening Statement:**

CWAC Chair Val Little called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**2) Roll Call:**

Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Val Little, Chair	Representative, City Manager
Alison Jones, Vice Chair	Representative, Ward 6
Ed Hendel (virtual)	Representative, Mayor
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Juliet McKenna	Representative, City Manager
Rory Juneman	Representative, City Manager
Hilary Varnadore	Representative, City Manager
Alan Forrest	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez (virtual)	Representative, Ward 1
Lisa Shipek	Representative, Ward 3
Melissa Lal (virtual)	Representative, Ward 4
Robert Jaramillo (virtual)	Representative, Ward 5
John Kmiec	Ex-Officio (non-Voting) City of Tucson Water Department Director
James Doyle	Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

**Absent:**

Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
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**3) Director's Report - (item taken out of order) Tucson Water Director John Kmiec provided brief updates as follows:**

- a) Mayor and Council items:
  - i) January - No Items
  - ii) February 6, Study Session Quarterly PFAS update
- 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.

- 4) **Update on the Arizona Reconsultation Committee (ARC) and the ongoing Colorado River Reconsultation Process** – (item taken out of order) Timothy Thomure, Deputy City Manager introduced himself and shared the history, purpose, and expectations of ARC. Those items reviewed and discussed were:
- a) ARC committee formation
  - b) Arizona voice for reconsultation of Colorado River post 2026
  - c) Post Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)
    - i) Compensated system conservation efforts
  - d) Post 2026 guideline discussion
    - i) Upper basin participation
    - ii) Contents of the entire river system
    - iii) Arizona management of future outcomes
    - iv) Arizona meets commitments of DCP

Members asked questions; Mr. Thomure fielded questions to clarify information for the committee and provide important information about the ARC committee. No action was taken on this item.

- 5) **Update on 2023 Drought Response: Customer Engagement Impacts** – Candice Rupprecht, Tucson Water Superintendent provided an update to the committee. Those items reviewed and discussed were:
- a) City facilities audits: develop water use guidelines
  - b) Increased awareness of drought conditions & conservation options
  - c) Customer Engagement: High Use Letters
    - i. Targeted information
    - ii. Consumption
    - iii. Audits
  - d) Drought Action Website
    - i. Conservation Opportunities
  - e) Conservation Kits
  - f) Zanjero Water Audits
  - g) Indoor Rebates
  - h) Tier 2 Outreach Strategies

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions during the presentation and hold an open discussion. No action was taken on this item.

- 6) **HomeWorks Water Calculator** - (item taken out of order) Valeria Galindo, Tucson Water Public Information Specialist, walked the committee through an overview of the website. Providing a detailed tour of the customer experience and questions customers would be asked before receiving a review of the water usage and conservation opportunities.

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- 7) **Announcements** – (item taken out of order) Chair Little requested roundtable introductions for new members.
- 8) **Review and approval of December 6, 2023, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – (item taken out of order) **Motion:** Member Jones moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Meeting Minutes. Member Washburn duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The motion passed on a voice vote 11 – 0.
- 9) **Subcommittee Reports** - Each subcommittee chair reviewed agenda items and discussions held at previous meetings and updated the committee on future subcommittee topics.
- 10) **Call to Audience** – None.
- 11) **Future Meeting / Agenda Items** – The committee suggested a short list of current agenda items and requested members send additional items to water staff.
  - a) Legislative Affairs
  - b) Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) & Advanced Water Purification (AWP) from Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
  - c) AMI
- 12) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.