

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

Wednesday, March 6, 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 (virtual)	Representative, City Manager
Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
Rory Juneman	Representative, City Manager

Alan Forrest	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez (virtual)	Representative, Ward 1
Lisa Shipek (virtual)	Representative, Ward 3
Melissa Lal (virtual)	Representative, Ward 4
Robert Jaramillo (virtual)	Representative, Ward 5
James Doyle	Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

**Absent:**

Hilary Varnadore	Representative, City Manager
John Kmiec	Ex-Officio (non-Voting) City of Tucson Water Department Director

**3) Director's Report** - Tucson Water Deputy Director Scott Schladweiler provided brief updates as follows:

- a) Mayor and Council items:
  - i) February 6, Study Session Quarterly PFAS update
  - ii) March No Items
- b) Colorado River Update
- c) Potable and Reclaim Demand

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

- 4) **ARIZONA TRI-UNIVERSITY RECHARGE AND WATER RELIABILITY PROJECT (ATUR-WRP) –** Kathy Jacobs, Director of the Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions (CCASS) within the Institute of the Environment at the University of Arizona introduced herself and shared the history, purpose, and expectations of the study. Those items reviewed and discussed were:

- a) Project Goals
- b) Technical Advisory Committee
- c) Project Sub teams
- d) Supply & Demand
- e) Hydroclimate Team - Approach
- f) Recharge Enhancement Team – Approach
- g) Arizona Water Supply
- h) Forests & Natural Environments Team – Approach & Progress
- i) Urban Landscape Team – Approach
- j) Stakeholder & Partner Engagement
- k) Suggested Focus Areas
- l) Areas of Focus

Members asked questions; Mrs. Jacobs fielded questions to clarify information for the committee and provide additional information on the study. No action was taken on this item.

- 5) **Announcements** – (item taken out of order) Chair Little announced member Alison Jones resigned from CWAC and her last meeting is March 6<sup>th</sup>. This announcement leads into item #9-member recognition.
- 6) **Review and approval of January 3, 2024, 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.
- 7) **Vice Chair Elections** – (item taken out of order) – Jessica Rodriguez provided the committee with a review on election procedures before opening up the nominations for Vice Chair. Chair Little nominated Rory Juneman. Member Juneman accepted the nomination. No additional nominations were given. **Motion:** Member Washburn moved to accept Rory Juneman to be CWAC Vice Chair for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year. Member Forrest duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 11-0.

- 8) **Subcommittee Reports** - Each subcommittee chair reviewed agenda items and discussions held at previous meetings and updated the committee on future subcommittee topics.
- 9) **Member Recognition** – (item taken out of order) Deputy Director Scott Schladweiler recognized Alison Jones for her service to the committee, the community, and the utility. Member Jones shared her parting comments with the committee, other members provided additional comments of appreciation for her service.
- 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) Bureau of Reclamation – Colorado River Supply (fall 2024)
  - b) Legislative Updates (April)
  - c) Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) & Advanced Water Purification (AWP) from Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
  - d) Water Service Area Policy - Deep Dive from TPP
- 12) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.