

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

Hybrid 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 8:01 a.m.

2) Roll Call:

Those present and absent were:

Present:

Val Little, Chair	Representative, City Manager
Rory Juneman, Vice Chair	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn (Virtual)	Representative, City Manager
Juliet McKenna	Representative, City Manager
Hilary Varnadore (virtual)	Representative, City Manager
Alan Forrest	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez (virtual)	Representative, Ward 1
Lisa Shipek (virtual)	Representative, Ward 3
William Ellet	Representative, Ward 6
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
Robert Jaramillo	Representative, Ward 5
Melissa Lal	Representative, Ward 4
Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager

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

a) Mayor and Council items:

i) March No Items

ii) April 9 No Items

iii) April 25 Consent: IGA Pima County Food Alliance and Asset Purchase Agreement for Isolated Systems

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) **2024 Legislative Updates** – Christopher Avery, Principal Assistant Attorney, led the discussion on current bills in the Arizona Legislature. The items reviewed and discussed were:

- a) SB1081 - Exemption area; assured water supply
- b) SB1041 - Groundwater savings certificate; assured water SB1242 - ADWR; application; review; time frames
- c) SB1289 - DWR; hydrology reports
- d) HB2017 - Assured water supply; commingling
- e) HB2019 - Groundwater model; public inspection; challenge
- f) HB2020 - Long-term storage; stormwater; rainwater; rules
- g) HB2030 - Cities; towns; water service; audit
- h) HB2027 - Subsequent AMAs; assured water supply
- i) Ch. 62, Laws 2024 (HB2055 - Underground water storage; permitting)
- j) HB2123 - Wells; water measuring devices; prohibition
- k) HB2186 - Brackish groundwater incentive
- l) HB2060 - Irrigation non-expansion area; substitution; acres
- m) HB2063 - Exempt wells; certificate; groundwater use

Members asked questions; Mr. Avery fielded questions to clarify information for the committee and provide additional perspective. MR. Avery agreed to return in May to share additional updates. No action was taken on this item.

5) **Announcements** – Chair Little requested a round table of introductions. Each committee member introduced themselves and commented on their interests and goals for the committee.

6) **Review and approval of March 6, 2024, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** – (item taken out of order) **Motion:** Member Juneman moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Meeting Minutes. Member McKenna duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The motion passed on a voice vote 9 – 0.

7) **Subcommittee Reports** - Each subcommittee chair reviewed agenda items and discussions held at previous meetings and updated the committee on future subcommittee topics.

8) **Call to Audience** – None.

9) **Future Meeting / Agenda Items** – The committee suggested a short list of current agenda items and requested members send additional items to the water staff.

- a) Storm to Shade (TBD)
- b) Legislative Updates (May)
- c) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRi)
- d) Human Resources (HR)(May)

10) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.