



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

Monday, April 8, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting – Microsoft Teams

Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

2) **Roll Call:**

Those present and absent were:

Present:

Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
Val Little	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez	Representative, Ward 1

Absent:

Lisa Shipek (Chair)	Representative, Ward 3
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3) **Announcements** – None.

4) **Review and approval of January 8, 2024, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes** - Member Ramirez moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Minutes. Member Gerlak duly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3 – 0.

5) **Call to the audience** – None.

6) **Program & Project Partner's** – Candice Rupprecht introduced the project partner's item. The items reviewed and discussed were:

- a) Sonoran Environmental Research Institute (SERI) (Leslie Pilli Townsend, Program Manager)
 - i) Mission & Goals
 - ii) Who We Are – history
 - iii) Programs

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- (a) Community assist of Southern Arizona
- (b) Fair Housing
 - (i) Education
 - (ii) Discrimination
- (c) Business Assistance
 - (i) Neighborhood concerns
 - (ii) Training programs
 - (iii) Interventions
- (d) Water Conservation
 - (i) High Efficiency Clothes Washer
 - (ii) Gray Water
 - (iii) Rainwater Harvesting
- (e) Climate Change & Sustainability
 - (i) Grants and loans
 - (ii) Energy efficiency upgrades
 - (iii) weatherization
- (f) Environmental Justice
 - (i) Hands on assistance
 - (ii) Region 9 assistance
- iv) Community Risk Map
- v) Outreach
 - (a) Events
 - (b) Radio and Television
 - (c) Social Media
 - (d) Neighborhood Walks
- vi) CASA
- vii) Reporting and Success
- viii) Challenges
- b) Tucson Clean and Beautiful (TCB): Green Stormwater (GSI) Mini Grants (Katie Gannon, Executive Director)
 - i) About us TCB
 - ii) GSI Mini Grants Program
 - (a) Projects
 - (b) Casa Studies
 - (c) Year 7, ending 06/30/2024
 - iii) Evolution
 - (a) Equity Work

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- (b) Leveraged Funding Sources
- (c) Project Showcase
- (d) Next Steps
- iv) Gaps and Challenges
 - (a) Equity vs. non-equity sites
 - (b) Stormwater vs. rainwater harvesting
 - (c) Maintenance-eligible projects
 - (d) Landscape establishment
 - (e) Dialogue with Tucson Water
- v) Next Horizons
 - (a) Establishing watering
 - (b) water sources
 - (c) Neighborhood scale
 - (d) Interventions
 - (e) Workforce
 - (f) Reactive

No action was taken on this item. All presenters provided an overview of the Tucson Water programing and Partnerships. The subcommittee members asked questions throughout the presentations, fostering conversation.

7) **Call to Audience** – None.

8) **Future Agenda Items**

- a) Storm to Shade

9) **Adjournment** – The meeting ended at 3:38 p.m.