

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

Wednesday, May 1, 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 (Virtual)

Representative, City Manager

Ed Hendel

Representative, Mayor

Steven Washburn

Representative, City Manager

Juliet McKenna

Representative, City Manager

Hilari Varnadore (Virtual)

Representative, City Manager

Andrea Gerlak

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

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:

Alan Forrest

Representative, City Manager

William Ellett

Representative, Ward 6

- 3) Announcements** –Member Mckenna provided an AZ Water Conference overview. Member Varnadore invited members to attend U.S. Green Building Council, Local Government Leadership Summit: Transformation Forum.

- 4) Review and approval of April 3, 2024, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes –Motion:**
Member Washburn moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Meeting Minutes.

Lisa Shipek arrived at 8:07 a.m.

Andrea Gerlak arrived at 8:10a.m.

Hilari Varnadore left at 9:30 a.m.

Raul Ramirez left at 9:30 a.m.

Member McKenna duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** Name spelling correction for Hilari Varnadore. The motion passed on a voice vote 8 – 0.

5) **Director's Report** - Tucson Water Director John Kmiec provided brief updates as follows:

- a) Mayor and Council items:
 - i) April 25 Consent: IGA Pima County Food Alliance and Asset Purchase Agreement for Isolated Systems
 - ii) May 7 Study Session: PFAS Update
 - iii) May 21 CAP Exchange Agreements
- 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. No action was taken on this item.

6) **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) HB2020 - Long-term storage; stormwater; rainwater; rules
- b) HB2024 - Lottery; on-farm irrigation efficiency fund
- c) HB2030 - Cities; towns; water service; audit
- d) HB2127 - Assured water supply certificate; effluent
- e) SB1056 - Groundwater replenishment; areas; member lands (~~Municipalities; counties; fee increases; vote~~) SB1041 - Groundwater savings certificate; assured water
- f) SB1081 - Exemption area; assured water supply
- g) HB2195 - On-site wastewater treatment facilities; permitting (Passed)
- h) HB2013 - Water improvements program; nonprofit corporations (Vetoed)
- i) HB2019 - Groundwater model; public inspection; challenge (Vetoed)
- j) HB2027 - Subsequent AMAs; assured water supply (Vetoed)
- k) HB2060
- l) HB2124

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

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- 7) **Lead and Copper Rule Revision Overview** - Scott Schladweiler, Deputy Director, City of Tucson Water led the discussion on the current changes to the rule. The items reviewed and discussed were:
 - a) The Lead and Copper Rule Timeline
 - b) Material Service Line Inventory
 - c) LCRR Requirements
 - d) "Get the Lead Out" Proactive Lead Service Line Removal Program 2016 – 2019
 - e) LCRR Road Map

Members asked questions; Mr. Schladweiler fielded questions to clarify information for the committee and provide additional perspective. No action was taken on this item.

- 8) **Subcommittee Reports** - Each subcommittee chair reviewed agenda items and discussions held at previous meetings and updated the committee on future subcommittee topics.
- 9) **Call to Audience** – Director Kmiec reminded the committee that the Reclaim System celebrated its 40th year in April. The first customer started in April 1984 and now has over 1,000 customers.
- 10) **Future Meeting / Agenda Items** – The Committee lost quorum and were unable to proceed with the agenda.
- 11) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 09:30 a.m.

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