

CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(CWAC)

Wednesday, November 6, 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 8:00 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 (Virtual)	Representative, Mayor
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Hilari Varnadore (Virtual)	Representative, City Manager
Andrea Gerlak (Virtual)	Representative, City Manager
Alan Forrest (Virtual)	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez (Virtual)	Representative, Ward 1
Melissa Lal	Representative, Ward 4
Lisa Shipek (Virtual)	Representative, Ward 3
Robert Jaramillo (Virtual)	Representative, Ward 5
William Ellett	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:**

Juliet McKenna	Representative, City Manager
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3) **Announcements** – Yesterday, November 5th, was Election Day, the results for Arizona are still unofficial as many ballots have yet to be counted.

4) **Review and approval of October 2, 2024, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes – Motion:** Member Washburn moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Meeting Minutes. Member Juneman duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The motion passed on a voice vote 10 – 0.

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

a) Mayor and Council items:

- i) October 8
- ii) Study Session: Supporting the Designation of the Santa Cruz River Urban National Wildlife Refuge by the United States Secretary of Interior November 19
  - (1) Study Session: PFAS Quarterly Update
  - (2) Consent Agenda: USGS Joint Funding Agreement  
MOU Santa Cruz River Urban National Wildlife Refuge
- b) Colorado River Update
- c) Potable and Reclaim Demand
- d) Water Demands

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

- 6) **Capital Improvement Program Update** John Van Winkle, P.E., Chief Engineer and Planning and Engineering Administrator, City of Tucson Water Department
- a) Organizational Chart overview – staffing
  - b) Approved FY25 Budget
  - c) Other Funded Projects
  - d) Yearly Tracking
  - e) Variability and Unknowns for Project Delivery
  - f) Well Drilling & Equipping
  - g) Reservoir Rehabilitation
  - h) Hydro Tank Rehabilitation & Replacement
  - i) Booster and PRV Rehabilitation & Replacement
  - j) Main Replacements
  - k) Old Vail Reservoir and Booster
  - l) CIP Process Improvements

Members asked questions through the presentation; Mr. Van Winkle fielded the questions to clarify information for the committee and provided perspective. No action was taken on this item.

- 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 reviewed the list of future agenda items.
- a) ADEQ & AWP
- 10) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 09:26 a.m.