

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

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

**Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 a.m.

**2) Roll Call:**

Those present and absent were:

**3) Present:**

Lisa Shipek (Chair)	Representative, Ward 3
Val Little (Virtual)	Representative, City Manager
Andrea Gerlak (Virtual)	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez (Virtual)	Representative, Ward 1

**Absent:**

**4) Announcements – None.**

**5) Call to the Audience – None.**

**6) \*\*Review and approval of May 7, 2025, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes -**  
Member Little moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Minutes. Member Ramirez duly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4 – 0.

**7) Storm to Shade Update —** Blue Baldwin, Water Program Superintendent, Tucson Water Department, shared a program update on the "Storm to Shade" green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) program, highlighting efforts in maintenance, interdepartmental coordination, and community engagement. Key points included:

- Implementation of the GSI Maintenance (Mx)
- Active collaboration across departments (DTM, Parks, HCD) to align planning and maintenance with capital projects; MOUs established to support this coordination.
- Use of Hexagon's Enterprise Asset Management System to manage high-priority assets.
- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in place with Pima County Regional Flood Control District (PCRFCDD) for maintenance of stormwater parks.

- Performance metrics track square footage of new GSI, impervious surface removal, trees planted, stormwater volume capacity, watershed area managed, and assets maintained.
- Highlighted benefits include urban heat mitigation, minor flood control, beautification, and reinvestment in the community.
- Community input is being gathered via Survey123 and displayed on the public-facing GSI Dashboard:
- [Survey123 Input](#)
- [GSI Dashboard](#)

8) **Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Grants** – The Citizens Water Advisory Committee received an update on the Free Upgrades for Multifamily Properties program. The program provides up to \$170,000 in funding per eligible property for the replacement of inefficient fixtures, including toilets, showerheads, faucets, and appliances. Eligible properties must have been constructed before 2006, be located in high- or moderate-high-priority equity areas, and require comprehensive upgrades. Two participation options are available: customers may use their contractor and request reimbursement, or work with a City-provided contractor. Outreach efforts have engaged landlords and affordable housing partners, with 78 units completed to date and a goal of upgrading 600 units. Properties currently in progress include Chicanos por la Causa and CODAC.

9) **Future Agenda Items:** There will be no June or July meeting. Meetings will resume in August. The November and December meetings will need to be rescheduled.

10) **Call to the Audience** – None.

11) **Adjournment** at 3:18 p.m.