CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CWAC)

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 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 8:02 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	Representative, City Manager
Ed Hendel (Virtual)	Representative, Mayor
Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
Juliet McKenna	Representative, City Manager
Hilari Varnadore	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez (Virtual)	Representative, Ward 1
Lisa Shipek	Representative, Ward 3
Melissa Lal (Virtual)	Representative, Ward 4
William Ellett	Representative, Ward 6
James Doyle (Virtual)	Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

Absent:

Alan Forrest	Representative, City Manager
Tom Prezelski	Representative, Ward 2
Robert Jaramillo	Representative, Ward 5
John Kmiec	Ex-Officio (non-Voting) City of Tucson Water Department Director

3) **Announcements –** Members Ellet, Juneman, and McKenna all complimented Tucson Water on the facility tour of Southeast Houghton Area Recharge Project (SHARP). Member Varnador attended the Southern Arizona Heat Summit hosted by the University of Arizona, discussing heat advisory months and future planning. Member Ellet invited members to attend the Arizona Hydrological Society (AHS) presentation by Matt Narder at Montgomery and Associates on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

4) **Review and approval of January 8, 2025, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes – Motion**: Member Juneman moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Meeting Minutes.

Member Varnadore duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The motion passed on a voice vote 11 – 0.

5) **Director's Report -** Tucson Water Deputy Director Scott Schladweiler provided brief updates as follows:
    a) Mayor and Council items:
        i) January and February items
    b) Potable and Reclaim water demands

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

6) **Bureau of Reclamation: Colorado River Update —** Meghan Thiemann and Alan Butler from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation provided information to the committee on the current operation and drought response programs. The presentation reviewed historical information on the 2007 Interim Guidelines, the Drought Contingency Plan, the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, and Post-2026 Colorado River Operations alternatives. No action was taken on this item.

7) **CWAC Yearly Report: Member discussion** – Chair Val Little drafted a letter for the committee to review before the meeting, intending to include it in the annual report as a reflection of the committee's accomplishments. The committee engaged in a lively discussion about the content and further deliberated on key points. The committee decided to use the meeting minutes and legal action report for drafting the annual report. The items outlined in the draft letter will undergo further review by the full committee and when relevant at subcommittees. No formal voting action was taken on this item.

8) **CWAC Subcommittee discussion** – This discussion item carried over from item seven. The committee discussed the importance of streamlining agenda items by moving them directly to the full committee, rather than duplicating discussions in both subcommittees and the full committee. Members emphasized the value of having a single, comprehensive presentation at the full committee level. Additionally, the discussion included the possibility of allocating more time for subcommittee reports to ensure thorough updates and deliberation.

9) **Subcommittee Reports -** Previous agenda items exceeded their time limits. There was not enough time for this agenda item.

10) **Call to Audience –** Previous agenda items exceeded their time limits. There was not enough time for this agenda item.

11) **Future Meeting / Agenda Items –** (This item was taken out of order) New items suggested for discussion include:

   a) Highlighting incomes to the utility outside of water
   b) Assets that bring additional funding
   c) Federal government effects on staff

12) **Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.