

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

Wednesday, December 11, 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	Representative, City Manager
Ed Hendel (Virtual)	Representative, Mayor
Juliet McKenna	Representative, City Manager
Steven Washburn	Representative, City Manager
Hilari Varnadore	Representative, City Manager
Raul Ramirez (Virtual)	Representative, Ward 1
Robert Jaramillo (Virtual)	Representative, Ward 5
William Ellett	Representative, Ward 6
James Doyle (Virtual)	Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
John Kmiec	Ex-Officio (non-Voting) City of Tucson Water Department Director

Absent:

Andrea Gerlak	Representative, City Manager
Alan Forrest	Representative, City Manager
Lisa Shipek	Representative, Ward 3
Melissa Lal	Representative, Ward 4

3) Announcements – None.

- 4) Chair Elections** - staff proposed a motion based on nominations received by the committee to elect Val Little as Chair for the 2025 calendar year and Rory Juneman as Vice Chair. Member Washburn moved to accept the proposed motion. Member Varnadore duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** Member Little shared her term ends in August and her last meeting would be in June. The committee would need a new chair. Member Washburn amended his motion to have Rory Juneman take over as CWAC Chair after Member Little's departure and the committee would revisit the elections of a vice chair in the future. Member Varnadore accepted the amendment. The motion passed on a voice vote of 9 – 0.

- 5) **Adoption of the 2025 Meeting Schedule** - staff proposed a motion based on member feedback to hold hybrid meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. Member Washburn moved to accept the proposed motion. Member Juneman duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** Chair Little encouraged members to attend meetings in person. The motion passed on a voice vote of 9 – 0.
- 6) **Review and approval of November 6, 2024, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes –**
Motion: Member Varnadore moved to approve the Legal Action Report & Meeting Minutes. Member Washburn duly seconded the motion. **Discussion:** None. The motion passed on a voice vote 9 – 0.
- 7) **Director's Report** - Tucson Water Director John Kmiec provided brief updates as follows:
- a) Mayor and Council items:
 - i) December 10 Regular Meeting: Public Hearing for Water Rate Adjustments
 - ii) January 7 Consent Agenda: GSI Projects: Arroyo Chico Greenway, Jesse Owns Park, Rudy Garcia Park
 - iii) January 22 No Items
 - 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.

- 8) **Human Resources Quarterly Update** – (item taken out of order) Munerra Acosta, Human Resources Manager, City of Tucson provided an update to the committee on current initiatives vacancies and specialized recruitments.
- 9) **1W2100 Implementation Plan** – (item taken out of order) Kayla Virgone, Project Manager, City of Tucson Water Department, Source Water Division provided an update, those items reviewed and discussed were:
- a) The One Water 2100 Plan
 - i) Holistic unified approach that centers sustainability and equity
 - ii) Common framework for collaboration
 - iii) All water has value
 - iv) The right water for the right purpose
 - b) Implementation of the Plan
 - i) Timeline
 - ii) Report
 - c) 2023 Project Highlights
 - d) Conclusion

10) **Subcommittee Reports** - Each subcommittee chair reviewed agenda items and discussions held at previous meetings and updated the committee on future subcommittee topics.

11) **Call to Audience** – None.

12) **Future Meeting / Agenda Items** – The Committee reviewed the list of future agenda items.

- a) DAWS Briefing
- b) CWAC Yearly Report
- c) Subcommittee discussions

13) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 09:46 a.m.