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City/County Water Study Publishes Draft Growth Technical Report

The City of Tucson and Pima County, as part of the joint Water and Wastewater Study have published a technical report focused on urban form and location of growth, which are key components in future water sustainability planning. The report is meant to be a starting point for discussion on how the City of Tucson and Pima County can grow in the most sustainable manner possible. The report has been submitted for review and comment by the public and the 12-member citizen committee overseeing the study.

The key finding from the report is that where we grow and how we grow are important, and that the City and County can plan for future growth in a way that is more sustainable than the status quo. How we grow and where we grow impact a variety of factors including:

- o How much infrastructure we need to build
- o Cost of public services and tax levels
- o Water consumption
- o Public health/walkability
- o Driving distances vs. viability of public transit
- o Energy consumption
- o Greenhouse gas emissions
- o Housing choice and diversity

The City of Tucson and Pima County are in the midst of Phase 2 of the Water and Wastewater Study - a collaborative effort to define and develop a sustainable water future for the region. Phase 2 is focused on the City and County coming to agreement on specific policies and values associated with a sustainable water future. Technical papers are being prepared on a variety of topics for review and discussion by the public and the study's oversight committee. To date, papers have been prepared and are available for comment on the topics of reclaimed water, water conservation, drought, storm water harvesting, and riparian protection.

All of the technical reports are available for review and comment on the Study website: www.tucsonpimawaterstudy.com under Study Reports - Phase 2 Technical Papers. Comments can be provided via the website or at committee meetings. A copy of the report will be available for review at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue.

Public comments on all technical papers will be accepted through September 30, 2009. The next oversight committee meeting will be held on Thursday June 25, 2009 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Randolph Golf Course Clubhouse 600 S. Alvernon Way.

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