



City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee



May 15, 2008

The Honorable Steve Leal
Councilmember, Ward V
City of Tucson
4300 South Park Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85714

Re: **Your Letter of April 25, 2008**

Dear Councilmember Leal:

Thank you for your comments and suggestions of April 25, 2008. On behalf of the Oversight Committee, I offer the following reply to your comments.

Timing of Meetings

At its May 12, 2008 meeting, the Oversight Committee approved a schedule of meetings leading to a December 2008 report to Mayor and Council and Board of Supervisors on Phase 1 of the approved Water/Wastewater Study. The Committee will meet every other week, starting in June, alternating evening and morning meetings.

The Committee decided on alternating evening and morning meetings as a compromise, reflecting a balance between comments received and Committee member predilections for evening versus morning meetings. The Committee will monitor attendance at its meetings and will revisit the timing issue in August or September, and will decide on a new schedule if experience warrants such changes.

Staff informed the Committee that Channel 12 will begin videotaping our meetings in June. These videotapes will be made available on the website created for the Water/Wastewater Study (see www.tucsonpimawaterstudy.com).

The Committee is committed to an open, inclusive and transparent public process for Phase 1 and beyond. On May 23, 2008, the Committee will forward to Mayor and Council and Board of Supervisors a report that describes the public outreach processes that will be in place for Phase 1.

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Water and Wastewater Quality in Phase 1 Inventory

I am forwarding your letter to Tucson Water and Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department. Please be assured that the issues of water and wastewater quality will be addressed during Phase 1.

If you desire any further comment or clarification from me or the Committee, I will be happy to respond on behalf of the Committee.

Sincerely,

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James T. Barry
Chair

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