



## City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee



May 23, 2008

Dear Town Manager/Utility Operator,

On April 15, 2008, I sent you a letter on behalf of the City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee inviting you and your organization to participate in the City/County Water Infrastructure, Supply and Planning study. I appreciate the time many of you have taken to attend the Committee meetings and send in your written comments. Public input received so far has been incorporated into a Progress Report that is being sent to the Mayor and Council and Board of Supervisors this week. A copy of that report is attached.

Included in the Progress Report is a schedule of topics that the Committee will discuss during June through October of 2008, forming the basis of the Phase 1 study. The Committee feels strongly that Phase 1 must focus on data collection, inventorying, and fact gathering. Only by developing an agreed upon set of facts and underlying assumptions can the groundwork be established for a meaningful dialogue on values in Phase 2.

I would again like to extend an invitation to you and your organization to undertake a Phase 1 study of your own. City of Tucson and Pima County staff are eager to work with you and your staff to share our templates for data collection as they are developed so that "apples to apples" data can be collected. The ultimate goal would be to inform a productive regional dialogue on the future of water and wastewater systems and resources in the region.

I hope you will respond positively to this invitation. Feel free to contact the City's coordinator for the project, Nicole Ewing Gavin at 791-4204 or the County's coordinator for the project, Melaney Seacat at 740-6517 with any questions you may have. You can find all relevant documents regarding the study as well as the upcoming meeting schedule on the study website [tucsonpimawaterstudy.com](http://tucsonpimawaterstudy.com).

Sincerely,

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James T. Barry  
Chair, City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee

C: Pima County Board of Supervisors  
Tucson Mayor and Council  
Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator  
Mike Hein, City Manager  
Oversight Committee members