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Dear Nicole

At last night's meeting of the City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee, member John Carlson and a member of the audience both asked about the Tucson Regional Water Coalition. This is a response to their questions, which I would appreciate your distributing to the committee and also making it part of the public record, where it will be accessible to anybody who wants the information.

The Tucson Regional Water Coalition is an informal coalition of ten business organizations, which I have listed below. The coalition consistently has asked for a water study that is open, inclusive, transparent and, when appropriate, regional in scope. It is important to note that we are talking with members of the environmental community and with other water providers in the Tucson region about joining the coalition.

The current coalition members are:

Southern Arizona Leadership Council, Ron Shoopman, President
Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Jack Camper, President
Tucson Association of Realtors, Rick Hodges, Chief Executive Officer
Southern Arizona Home Builders Association, Ed Taczanowsky, President
Metropolitan Pima Alliance, Ramon Gaanderse, Executive Director
Safe and Sensible Water Committee, Chuck Freitas, Chairman
Alliance of Construction Trades, Jim Kuliesh, Executive Director
Arizona Builders Alliance, David Pittman, Director
Tucson Utility Contractors Association, Fred Ronstadt, Executive Director
Marana Chamber of Commerce, Ed Stolmaker, Executive Director

The coalition has adopted a mission statement. It says:

The coalition seeks to promote policies and actions to:

1. Create the long-range planning for a sustainable water supply that will support the economic vitality, the current and future population and maintain the quality of life of the Tucson region,
2. Identify and maximize the supply of water resources available within and to the Tucson region, and
3. Implement best practices for the efficient use, conservation and management of water resources in the Tucson region by working in collaboration with all of the regional water and wastewater providers, community leaders, community decision makers and the general public.

In addition, I have attached three letters written by the coalition. Two of them are to the Tucson City Council and Pima County Board of Supervisors, and the third was to Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry. All were on the topic of the city/county water study and clearly reveal the coalition's interest in an open, transparent, inclusive and regional approach.

If you have any questions, I would be pleased to answer them.

Thank you very much.

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