



April 17, 2008

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

**RE: CITY/COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER STUDY OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE**

Dear Mr. Barry:

The Town of Marana would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and is pleased to submit the following questions and comments on the City/County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, Supply, and Planning Study.

*1. Can you please define the roles and responsibilities of each of the members on the oversight committee and define terms such as "community" that are used in several different contexts?*

This would help to ensure a better understanding of the scope of each committee member to the public as well as encourage the public to offer expertise to those committee members that have like interests and backgrounds.

*2. Can you please include a peer review mechanism after each phase has been completed?*

For example, after phase one is completed why don't we send our findings for review by a sister city, outside of the region, in order to obtain objective input on our progress. Peer review is a proven mechanism to help to ensure unbiased and constructive feedback culminating in a stronger product.

*3. Can you please include a representative from the surrounding communities, such as Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita as well as the Native American Groups not currently represented?*

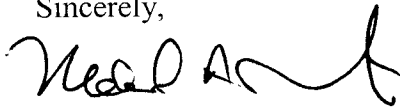
Although the committee calls itself the Regional Water Study Oversight Committee (RWSOC), there are no representatives from other incorporated

communities and there are Native American Groups missing as well. Surely the Phase I inventory and Phase II common set of water resource development and conservation goals cannot be complete without the involvement of the other affected communities. As stated in the Phase III language, the committee will use resources and staff of the respective regional entities, at a minimum, it seems reasonable to include a representative from each of those regional entities. Further, having a representative from each of those regions would ensure that Pima County and the City of Tucson's commitment to transparency will not only be honored but respected.

Phases IV and V also raise concern because the introduction of the affected communities is so late in the process that the policies, values and definitions of 'sustainable' and 'livable' are, for the most part, set with little room for participation, comment or innovation.

Again, the Town of Marana thanks you for the opportunity to provide comments on the City/County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, Supply, and Planning Study. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at your convenience at (520) 382-1900.

Sincerely,



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Town Manager

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