



I'm Val Little, Director of WATER CASA (the Water Conservation Alliance of So AZ.). Since my comments have not been vetted by our Board, for the purpose of these remarks, I am a constituent of Ward 6 and Supervisorial Dist 5.

I begin with thanks to each of you for your willingness to sail off into uncharted waters. You are intrepid souls and, have no fear; there are a lot of us willing to paddle along with you. I have been asked to comment on the process that you are formulating so here goes:

First, I think a strictly city-county venture such as this is feasible only in theory. A great opportunity will have been missed by all of us if this initiative fails to recognize and acknowledge the following:

A. Several regional water management efforts have either already occurred or are ongoing:

- Water CASA
- SAWUA
- Safe Yield Task Force (a model of a process and outcomes that should be investigated by staff)
- Regional Drought Planning

... to cite just a few.

B. No entity in this region exists in a vacuum. We are all interconnected and overlaid (. . . dare I say, lashed to the same main sail) and we sink or swim together. For example:

- There exists in Pima County, not one, but 4 legally constituted municipalities.
- About 1/3 of Tucson Water's customers reside outside the Tucson limits.

□ There are several water providers completely within the City of Tucson boundaries, and still others outside the confines of Pima County wastewater service area.

... you get the idea.

C. No entity has a bigger paddle in the water planning, assessment, and inventory pond than does ADWR, the agency that regulates water in AZ. Also consider the big regulatory paddle wielded by ADEQ over effluent reuse and water quality in general. And, what about PAG from which all our consistent population and growth projections will come. To sail without these entities in the boat with you will guarantee rough seas.

Suggestions:

Run Phase 1 & 3, Phase 2&4 concurrently.

Perhaps a technical advisory committee.

Expand the Committee.

Finally, I am for almost any form of public process. Better to dive in and swim than to tread water. Those of you who have navigated through similar tough processes in the past, will probably agree with me that the education that can and will occur as a result of this effort may well turn out to be the most beneficial outcome. For the public, and for a broad assortment of decision-makers as well, that may well be enough to make this whole effort worthwhile.

Water CASA is pleased that the mission of this initiative seems to be drifting in the right direction. We have been invited to participate, and the terms broad-based, transparent and engaging of the community have come to the fore. So, we are here to learn along with everyone else, to make comments when necessary, and to ask questions with regularity.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

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