

JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2010

PHASE II REPORT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM

I attended many of the Phase I meetings and some of the Phase II meetings. I want to thank the members of the joint study committee (volunteers all) for the many, many hours they put into the study process of Phases I and II.

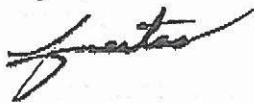
Especially noteworthy are the hundreds of hours committed to the reports/presentations by members of the city and county staff. They performed exceptionally well.

In addition to the comments provided by the Tucson Regional Water Coalition regarding the Phase II report are my comments:

1. If the Pima Association of Governments is provided the opportunity to coordinate the Phase III process, you should ensure that a firm timeline is set so that the process does not get lost in the structural bureaucracy of PAG.
2. A funding mechanism (taxpayer funding) for supporting environmental enhancement is a fine goal. However, in this regard, emphasis should be placed upon providing:
 - a. A transparent, regional assessment of opportunities for enhancement;
 - b. A mechanism that provides for financial responsibility of the enhancement(s);
 - c. A complete cost accounting of the proposed enhancement(s). This project cost information should be provided to the community prior to jurisdictional approval of the enhancement(s).
3. Updating or rewriting land use codes would assist in achieving water/wastewater goals set forth in the report.

Lastly, the Tucson Water ratepayers' investment in piping, infrastructure, and recharge facilities should not be absorbed by a regional process for the common good under the guise of "best management practices". An attempt to combine county wastewater with regional water providers should be resisted.

Thank you,



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