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**Subject:** Water/Wastewater Oversight Committee Phase II Report

Tucson Mayor and Council:

As a citizen interested in Tucson's water now and in the future, I attended at least half of the public meetings conducted by the oversight committee appointed by you and the Pima County Board of Supervisors about 21 months ago.

I learned a great deal, especially about how much I still do not know and need to study.

I was impressed, as were other commentators, with the high quality professional and technical expertise, total dedication and simply incredible work by volunteers on the oversight committee and the city/county staff members assigned to producing the Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports. This community should be indebted to them and the many experts who presented reports, both oral and written, for providing a repository of information that will serve as a basis for major decisions by the council and a more regional approach to our water issues.

Sitting through the Jan. 12, 2010, joint session of the city council and board of supervisors, I was dismayed when the council failed to support the resolution for adoption of the Phase 2 report and decided to delay the vote for 30 days. Particularly mystifying were comments that the report was more philosophical than scientific in light of all the information produced by the Phase 1 report and the 14 technical papers appended to the Phase 2 report. Presumably, those who agreed with these comments did not do their homework, because the Phase 2 report and all of the work by the oversight committee have been on the WISP website for months, and the Phase 2 report, at least since mid-December.

Also, the call for cost-benefit analysis prior to adoption is nonsensical. You can't do such analytical work without specific projects in mind that can be measured and compared. That was not the purpose of the Phase 2 report which focused on values, paradigms, and producing a more comprehensive approach to our water needs and problems.

I believe it would be a travesty and dereliction of responsibility to this community if this council does not adopt

Phase 2 and allow the process to move forward with staff directives and possibly a wider regional approach for

Phase 3. The council is not being asked at this time to approve specific projects with a price tag

attached. That  
will come later, nor will the council's authority to approve specifics step-by-step be vitiated by  
adoption of Phase 2.

Please vote "Yes" tomorrow or if necessary, at your Feb. 17 meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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