

## TRANSCRIPTS OF AUGUST 13, 2008

### CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: This gentlemen had his - his cane up, so we'll go to him first.

CLYDE STAGNER: Well, the first thing I'm - the first question I would have is for the gentlemen that just spoke. Several months ago there was a -

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Who is it?

CLYDE STAGNER: - an applaudatory article in the newspaper about the performance of the Wastewater Management, and it turned out that Wastewater Management paid that per- - that outfit a fee. Is that how our money is being spent?

MR. NICHOLS: I'm not sure which article you're referring to.

CLYDE STAGNER: It was in the *Arizona Daily Star* -

MR. NICHOLS: Okay.

CLYDE STAGNER: - and it was about -

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Jeff, we'll get back to him on that.

CLYDE STAGNER: - a commendation by one of your contractors for your performance.

MR. NICHOLS: I - I believe - Jim, I believe, what you're referring to is our ISO Certification -

CLYDE STAGNER: Yes.

MR. NICHOLS: - and - and that's - that's correct. In order to become ISO-certified, you do have to contract with someone to certify your program. We did the program internally, and we were the first department in the United States, first utility in the United States to be certified in all three ISO standards.

CLYDE STAGNER: Yes -

MR. NICHOLS: The - the -

CLYDE STAGNER: - I -

MR. NICHOLS: - reason for the payment was you can't get certified without being reviewed by someone who is authorized to make those certifications.

CLYDE STAGNER: I would suggest that you go to Wikipedia on the internet and look up the reputation of that organization -

MR. NICHOLS: Okay.

CLYDE STAGNER: - internationally and nationally. Thank you, sir.

MR. NICHOLS: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Could - could you give us your name for the record?

CLYDE STAGER: My name is Clyde Stagner and I represent Social Security.

I have a comment I wish to make concerning the Citizens' Water Advisory Committee. It concerns the Discretionary Funds they recommend for the Mayor and the Council - and, incidentally, I admire those people for signing the document and taking accountability and responsibility for their actions which, in some government cases, we don't even see from the Directors of our Departments.

I have a recommendation and that is: Tucson Water's up the - going up to about 580 people. I'm going to give you my reasons why we should have, in this County, a Water Quality Department, hopefully, to include Pima County. The reason for calling for such a Department - here is an example from Las Vegas, and they have three wastewater treatment plants of 115 contaminants that they measure and they publish and make available to the public.

If you go the U.S. EPA Safe Water Drinking Information System under Enviro Facts, you will now find over 60 monitoring violations by the Tucson Water Department. In communications with them, there have been indications that their infrastructure is either lacking personnel or the equipment to do what 76% of the remaining water outfits are doing in the United States that have no water monitoring violations. Now, the Tucson AMA has come up with recommendations in 1999 and, again, in 2006 about the contaminants that should be measured in the CAP Water. Tucson Water is not measuring all of them.

In 1962, I walked into a quonset hut at a Nevada test site one night where there were two tables put together and the head was Livermore Radiation Laboratory on the design of nuclear weapons was conducting a meeting about the next morning's nuclear test. Where you're sitting there were representatives of the different agencies of the government. The U.S. weatherman stood up during that meeting and pleaded with them not to detonate the nuclear weapon the next morning because it would go over St. George, Utah. The next morning the weapon was detonated and it went. This data from Las Vegas does not include the effluent run-off which is going into Lake Mead from St. George, Utah, and other places along that route.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: So, could - we - we do ask people to keep their comments to three minutes. Can you -

CLYDE STAGNER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: - wrap it up, please?

CLYDE STAGNER: I will end by end by recommending again that we have a Tucson Water Quality Department separate

them from the operator. That Tucson Water is a great - and I applaud at them for qual- - for quantity - let's take care of quality; to justify all of that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Thank you. I got a card here from James Braithwaite. Again, we try to keep it to three minutes, okay?

JAMES BRAITHWAITE: Yes, I'll keep it even shorter than that.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Excellent.

JAMES BRAITHWAITE: My name is Jim Braithwaite. I'm an Environmental Engineer. I live in midtown. I don't do any work in Arizona, so I think I'll - I may be the one to raise a sensitive issue.

I - I haven't seen on the Agendas or the list of topics any discussion - there was a question on June 25<sup>th</sup>, I believe, about - from the audience about indirect potable reuse of wastewater. I know it 's a very sensitive topic, and I don't expect any response. But, my California experience is that it takes five to ten years of public interaction, outreach, education before that kind of thing can be brought home, and I think that that ought to be placed in your report, at least as a place holder to get that process started.

You've got some excellent resources at the University of Arizona in Dr. Carruba and Kelly Reynolds who've done wonderful work, published on pathogen control. I'd like to see them make a presentation at one of these meetings about that issue.

And then, secondly, I'd like to associate myself with the comments of the previous gentlemen. I think what's known as emerging contaminants is something that we all ought to be focused on. We've been focused on suspended solids and BOD now for 30 years, 50 years, and there's a whole list of compounds that are in the wastewater and in the water that need to be tested and should be tested for. So, with that, I'll close.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Thank you, Jim.

Anybody else? Tracy?

TRACY WILLIAMS: Okay. I'm going to keep my comments short today. I'll give you my comments in writing, but I would also like to also ditto the past two speakers in the quality. I'm hearing a lot about quantity and, with sustainability, hopefully, we're going to discuss some of the contaminants that have been alluded to, such as pharmaceuticals and endocrine receptors, and other icky stuff that we want to know about.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Thank you, Tracy.

Anybody else? Yes, sir.

FRANK POSTILLION: Yes, I'm Frank Postillion with the Regional Flood Control District, and I just had a question for

both the Wastewater - the Wastewater representative about the Debt Service of about \$19 million a year. Does he expect that to go up with ROMP and similar to what's gone on with about \$30 million with the City Water because of the infrastructure improvements? And, if so, what will the resulting rate impacts be?

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Okay. Frank, we'll get back to you in writing on that. Okay. Anybody else?

Anybody want to move for adjournment?

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