

## TRANSCRIPTS OF AUGUST 27, 2008

### CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Call to the Audience. Yes, Colette.

COLETTE ALTAFFER: Just one quick thing, and that is what's becoming apparent is that, although this whole group is meeting on the issue of water, it seems as though you may need to consider recommending that we do a more holistic look at not only just water, but fuel, because I don't think what most of us realize is that the reason we have six and a half billion people on this planet is because oil has made it possible for us to grow enough food for that many people, and by some estimates when we run out of oil we will only be able to feed 2 billion people. So, I think we need to be factoring in a lot more than just water and what that's going to do to the Tucson region.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Oh, geez, Colette.

Mr. Stagner? That's right, put me out of my misery here.

CLYDE STAGNER: Ms. Megdal earlier mentioned something. I have here a copy of the permit for Avra Valley CAP Water Blend, and it is one of the best permits I've ever seen - I've had some experience with 'em - and I urge every one of you to get a copy of this.

In here, they - they measure the quality of the water before and after it's withdrawn, they cite many, many pollutions, many without MCLs. They never quote the U.S. EPA. They require the monitoring be done by a separate entity other than the operator with the specifications, which brings up the point we should have a Water Quality Department in this City. They also require quantity analysis and report and, not only input, but require the evaporation of those ponds to be reported. We need such a balance in what you're doing. You need to get the total water available, subtract the losses, allocate your present needs, assign priorities to the remainder of the water, and then let the politicians fight over prioritizing it later, which they'll do. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Thank you. Anybody else? Yes, sir.

HECTOR CONDE: My name is Hector Conde (ph.) I'm going to repeat what I said yesterday to a representative of the Recharge District in a meeting in Catalina, and what it is, is that we have a situation in our area where there is no recharge. The recharge is done in Avra Valley, which is 15 miles away and

15 - more than 1,000 feet under the - on the altitude; therefore, since the water - everybody knows - doesn't go uphill, we are never going to recharge, we're never going to have Safe-Yield in that area.

I know that there is nothing you can do here except try to make some common sense in the legislature so that they don't allow these things to happen in the future. (Inaudible) thing that it's happening in Oro Valley, it's (inaudible) pipe from the CAP canal to the town, but it's not going to recharge; it's going to blend, or probably clean - clean the water for use. And I made a study a few years ago and I concluded that there is not going to be Safe Yield by 2025 in that area. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Thank you. Anybody else? Yes, ma'am.

MAXINE STECKLESS: Quick question. We've heard about the -

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: Give - give your name, please.

MAXINE STECKLESS: Oh, sorry. Maxine Steckless (ph.) from the Cienega Watershed Partnership, and I'm here because I know that part of the planning includes looking at the whole - the Santa Cruz Watershed, but the results of the contribution by the surrounding watersheds, including, for example, the Cienega Watershed and how it contributes to the water of the Tucson Basin. Is there any consideration of these neighboring watersheds and the - and the growth and development of those areas and how it's going to impact the Tucson Basin? That's my question.

CHAIRMAN JIM BARRY: You know, in - in Call to the Audience, we can't response. We can only - okay. Anybody else? Well, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

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