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TUCSON CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TUCSON WATER SERVICE AREA POLICY

On June 15, 2010, the Tucson City Council will consider formalization of a Water Service Area Policy for Tucson Water which will define the geographic footprint where Tucson Water will extend water service. Public comments are requested on the proposed policy as described in the attached background materials and depicted in the attached Proposed Tucson Water Service Area map. These materials can be viewed on the City of Tucson web site at www.tucsonaz.gov/agdocs/20100413/ssapr13-10-135.pdf. Comments about the proposed water service area should be submitted by Thursday, May 20, 2010 to Nicole Ewing Gavin, Assistant to the City Manager:

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Tucson Water's current water service policy of serving only legally-obligated areas was established as an *interim* policy in 2007 pending the outcome of the City/County Water and Wastewater Study, which is now complete. The Study identified a set of economic and environmental factors to be used to guide water service expansion decisions. These factors have been applied to the current water service area to make recommendations which seek to 1) protect the interests of Tucson Water ratepayers by managing future water resource obligations; 2) better align water service areas with jurisdictional boundaries and encourage annexation which brings state revenue to the region; 3) dedicate water for future economic development, industry, and jobs; and 4) deliver renewable water supplies to riparian areas where further groundwater pumping would cause environmental damage.

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