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**CITY/COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER STUDY
 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**January 10, 2009
 Meeting Summary**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Barry called the January 10, 2009 meeting of the City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee) to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Tucson Association of Realtors, 2445 N. Tucson Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona.

Members Present:

Sean Sullivan
 Vincent Vasquez
 Bonnie Poulos
 Mark Stratton
 Jim Barry, Chairman
 Tina Lee
 Marcelino Flores
 Bruce Gungle
 John Carlson

Representing:

City Planning Commission
 CWAC
 County P&Z Commission
 WMAC
 Citizens Water Advisory Committee (CWAC)
 CWAC
 WMAC
 County Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission
 Wastewater Management Advisory Committee (WMAC)

Alternate Present:

Bob Cook

Representing:

County P&Z Commission

Absent:

Daniel Sullivan
 James Watson
 Rob Kulakofsky

Representing:

CWAC
 City Planning Commission
 WMAC

City/County Staff Present:

Sabrina Cotta, City Manager's Office
 Nicole Ewing Gavin, City Manager's Office
 Sandy Elder, Tucson Water
 Melaney Seacat, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

A quorum of the Committee was established.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Bob Cook announced that Sustainable Tucson would be holding a meeting Monday January 12th at the Tucson Association of Realtors on a regional sustainability plan.

Bonnie Poulos announced that the UA Science Cafe would have a meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at 6 p.m. at the Cushing Street bar to discuss rainwater harvesting.

Mark Stratton announced that the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee would have a financial plan meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at PAG.

Marcelino Flores announced that the Water Resource Research Center would be having its 2009 annual conference and would discuss best practices for stakeholder engagement in water planning resources planning and that there was a call for posters that the committee might want to participate in. Marcelino Flores also announced that the National Association of Environmental Professionals would be holding a conference in Scottsdale May 2-6 about making sustainability happen.

3. **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

No one spoke during this item.

4. **REVIEW/APPROVE CHANGES TO CHAPTERS 1, 2, 3, & 4***

Nicole Gavin handed out a schedule for the rest of Phase 1 to the committee. John Carlson asked about the format of the open houses. Nicole explained the open houses would be a drop in format with stations for the public to gain more information on different sections of the report. Sean Sullivan commented that he did not believe that the station format was the best way to give the public information and felt a formal presentation might be better for future outreach. Nicole stated that staff could look at the option of doing a presentation at the open houses. Bonnie Poulos felt that the drop in format was not conducive to the public being able to have their own forum and discuss the information presented. Melaney Seacat reminded the committee that staff would be reaching out to make presentations to groups as well.

Nicole Gavin explained that the report had been re-ordered to better answer the scope questions.

Bonnie Poulos discussed and handed out a copy of changes she had made throughout the report.

Vince Vasquez stated that because he was not finished reviewing Chapters 1 through 4 he did not want to vote on the report yet. Nicole Gavin clarified that the committee was not to vote on a final draft but to give the go ahead to distribute a draft to the public.

Sean Sullivan questioned the assumptions behind the vacant land scenarios chart and talked to Dave Taylor who stated that the chart was based on the highest allowable zoning in the general and comprehensive plans for the city and county and stated that elected officials have the ability to say no to growth projections. Sean requested that all possible sources of water be listed including the Mississippi pipeline and more information be provided on desalinization. Sean requested that information from the October 8 issue response summary of existing and future restoration projects and the October 15 issue response summary about groundwater mining east of Phoenix be included. Sean requested the language around how much effluent be allocated to the Santa Cruz River be changed.

Vince Vasquez requested the replacement cost of water be included at \$5,000-\$10,000 per acre foot noting that there is a cost to conserve water.

Bruce Gungle stated that cost is an important variable that could be addressed. Bonnie Poulos stated that there could be a statement about cost being associated with various actions without

specific numbers. Vince Vasquez stated that the figures come from the presentations and that the issue must be addressed. Bonnie Poulos stated that she agreed but felt the executive summary would be a better place for cost to be discussed. Jim Barry stated that it was on record that new water was going to cost a lot and that it should be in committee themes because the economic situation needs to be addressed. Vince Vasquez stated that it would set up future policy discussion. Bruce Gungle stated he agreed and that the limiting factor to growth would be cost.

Marcelino Flores requested the timeline be a pullout, that the arrival of the railroad be included in the timeline, and that energy use be clarified.

Vince Vasquez requested that the issue of CAP reliability be clarified and it be made clear that Tucson would not be impacted until a tier 3 shortage. Sandy Elder stated that there has been clarification of shortage sharing and that it could be included in the report.

Sean Sullivan requested that the language "long term sustainable water supplies" be removed from Chapter 3 and there be clarification of the Groundwater Management Act and 100 year supply standards.

Bonnie Poulos requested that the footnote describing who in the committee was born in Tucson versus who moved here be removed from Chapter 3.

Jim Barry requested that an accept change version of draft 3 be sent out.

Melaney Seacat advised the committee that the sustainability comments and committee comments had been used to write the themes and values section.

5. **PHASE 2 TOPICS**

Jim Barry stated that the committee had put in a lot of hours and if too much was on the agenda for Phase 2 the committee might burn out. Jim Barry proposed that staff write technical papers and forward recommendations to the committee to consider. Mark Stratton asked about the public participation components. Jim Barry stated that the process would be the same as Phase 1. Bonnie Poulos stated that she was open to meeting more often than once a month if needed and requested that committee be able to respond to public comments during meetings. Bruce Gungle requested that the topic of respect for the environment be added to the new water cluster. Jim Barry reminded the committee that the Phase 2 topics were taken from the scope of work and asked the committee to review the chapters to make sure they felt the water quality issue had been dealt with adequately. Vince Vasquez requested that the adaptive management topic have a risk assessment.

6. **LUNCH**

7. **REVIEW AND APPROVE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Bonnie Poulos requested that the average monthly water bill be put into a range. Jim Barry suggested putting the committee's themes and values in the executive summary.

8. **REVIEW AND APPROVE SECTION 3: COMMITTEE THEMES, VALUES AND CONCERNS**

Marcelino Flores expressed concern that this draft did not reflect the dot prioritization that was done at the past 2 meetings. Nicole Gavin stated that all themes were in there but they had

been reordered to make a logical story. Sean Sullivan reminded the committee that they had decided the dot exercise was flawed and that all recommendations were included. Bruce Gungle asked if the Wastewater facility on 22nd and Alvernon was part of the metropolitan system. Jim Barry answered yes.

9. **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

No one spoke during this item.

10. **ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Barry at 12:40 p.m.



**City/County Water & Wastewater Study Oversight
Committee Meeting- 1/10/2009 Attendees**



	Last Name	First Name	Organization	1/10/2009
1	Lachowicz	Holly	Ward 3	✓
2	Little	Val	Water CASA	✓