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

**November 15, 2008  
Meeting Summary**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Barry called the November 15, 2008 meeting of the City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee) to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 445 S Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona.

Members Present:

Rob Kulakofsky  
Sean Sullivan  
Vincent Vasquez  
Bonnie Poulos  
James Watson  
Mark Stratton  
Jim Barry, Chairman  
Tina Lee  
Marcelino Flores

Representing:

WMAC  
City Planning Commission  
CWAC  
County P&Z Commission  
City Planning Commission  
WMAC  
Citizens Water Advisory Committee (CWAC)  
CWAC  
WMAC

Alternate Present:

Bob Cook

Representing:

County P&Z Commission

Absent:

Daniel Sullivan  
Bruce Gungle  
John Carlson

Representing:

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

City/County Staff Present:

Sabrina Cotta, City Manager's Office  
Nicole Ewing Gavin, City Manager's Office  
Sandy Elder, Tucson Water  
Chris Avery Tucson Water  
Melaney Seacat, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department  
Nicole Fyffe, Pima County Administrator's Office  
Eric Wieduwilt, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department  
Ed Curley, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

A quorum of the Committee was established.

## 2. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Melaney Seacat announced the results of the quorum poll and stated that the next three meetings would be held on December 13, January 10 and February 21 at the Tucson Association of Realtors office. Melaney Seacat also announced that the committee should submit their statements on sustainability by November 28<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie Poulos asked if handwritten was acceptable, Melaney Seacat answered yes.

Bob Cook handed out a copy of his sustainability statement.

Approval of the October 29, 2008 meeting summary was passed by a voice vote of 10 to 0.

Nicole Gavin updated the committee on the new report outline, stating that the goal was to organize the information around the questions in the scope. Jim Barry stated that the report outline is flexible and the report may need to change as the committee works through the writing.

Nicole Gavin described the proposed January/February outreach to get feedback on the draft Phase 1 report. The report will be presented at a joint CWAC/ RWRAC meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> and a joint City Planning Commission and County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Three open houses will be scheduled throughout the study area. Stakeholder comment will be solicited and the public can provide comments online. Vince Vasquez recommended including the agriculture and mining interest and the tribes as stakeholders. Rob Kulakofsky wants to make sure we reach out to the public and make sure all who want to have an opportunity to comment. Bonnie Poulos recommended that the Federal Government and State lands be notified and allowed to comment. Bob Cook recommended that non-profits and social services be included. Jim Barry stated that the committee would discuss outreach more at the December meeting.

## 3. **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Bill Crouse stated that what the committee decides will directly impact city growth and quality of life. The city could do more to capture rainwater and needs to dig wells in washes and riverbeds to recharge the aquifer. The attitude that floodwater is dangerous needs to change to acknowledge that there can be benefits from it. He recommended that the committee watch the Water in the Southwest show on Channel 6 and that a surcharge on water bills would be a good thing to help pay for projects. People would be willing to pay if it was shown to be worthwhile.

Charles Cole wished the committee a good day of work.

## 4. **REVIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY DISCUSSION THEMES**

Margot Garcia and Dale Keyes presented the committee with an outline of sustainability themes gathered from the October 22 and 29, 2008 sustainability meetings. A copy of this outline can be found online at the study website ([tucsonpimawaterstudy.com](http://tucsonpimawaterstudy.com)).

Vince Vasquez expressed concern that there may be uneven representation in the sustainability report since there was such a large volume of environmentalists at the sustainability meetings and the business community was represented by one person.

Jim Barry and Dale Keyes agreed that it would be beneficial to put names of participants at the front of the report with the number that attended the meetings and to document how the committee advertised for participants for the sustainability meetings.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE PHASE II PROGRESS REPORT**

Nicole Gavin gave an overview of the draft Phase II progress report which will be sent to the Mayor and Council and Board of Supervisors in early December.

Bonnie Poulos recommended some changes to the report: change the phrase “going out of business” to “disband prior to regional process”, consider putting respect for environment under new water resources, and change the wording that the committee thinks new water resources need to be acquired to “may need to be”, the schedule may be too ambitious, take out the term successful public involvement since there aren’t that many people at meetings, and use the term increase public participation in the last paragraph.

Bob Cook suggested that there needs to be a cost benefit analysis before any decisions can be made about whether new water is needed. Jim Barry asked the committee if they thought that Tucson may need to get new water supplies and the time to think about this was now. The committee answered yes. Vince Vasquez stated that the table needs to be bigger to look at this question. Jim Barry stated that it is up to the Mayor and Council and Board of Supervisors to decide the table and any person looking to change that would need to go to them. Vince Vasquez stated that it was up to the committee to recommend what Phase II should look like. Sean Sullivan commented that other jurisdictions were invited to go through a Phase I as well be had not done so and this would make it hard to answer the questions in Phase II for them. Vince Vasquez stated that a bigger table would lead to a better work product. Jim Barry stated that we would incorporate Vince’s concern into the report.

Approval of the Progress Report was passed by a voice vote of 9 to 1 contingent on recommended changes.

6. **FINAL REPORT WRITING-BREAK OUT GROUPS: CHAPTER 1**

The committee was broken into two groups. Group one included Jim Barry, Sean Sullivan, Vince Vasquez, Tina Lee, and Rob Kulakofsky. Group two included Marcelino Flores, Mark Stratton, Bonnie Poulos, Bob Cook and James Watson. Brainstorming was done on key points, missing information, and topics requiring follow up in Phase II.

7. **LUNCH**

8. **FINAL REPORT WRITING- REAK OUT GROUPS: CHAPTER 2**

The committee was broken into two groups. Group one included Jim Barry, Sean Sullivan, Vince Vasquez, Tina Lee, and Rob Kulakofsky. Group two included Marcelino Flores, Mark Stratton, Bonnie Poulos, Bob Cook and James Watson. Brainstorming was done on key points, missing information, and topics requiring follow up in Phase II.

9. **FULL GROUP REPORT WRITING OF CHAPTERS 1 & 2**

The committee reconvened and prioritized key points from chapters 1 and 2 of the report.

Bob Cook questioned whether there aren't other options than ROMP for Wastewater. Rob Kulakofsky stated that there was not a lot of choice in the matter due to regulatory requirements.

Sean Sullivan stated that environmental justice needs to be included in the cost/benefit analysis for new water.

Chris Avery stated that Tucson Water is in excess of Safe Yield and had a problem with a key point being overdraft. Sean Sullivan responded that it illustrates a disconnect between land use planning and water use and there is a difference between safe yield and sustainable yield.

10. **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Barry at 3:00 p.m.



**City/County Water & Wastewater Study  
Oversight Committee Meeting- 11/15/2008**



**Attendees**

	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Baker	Beryl	
2	Berardo	Ramiro	University of Arizona
3	Cole	Charles J.	
4	Crosby	William	ECCO
5	Garcia	Athena	
6	Garcia	Margot	
7	Keyes	Dale	
8	Kiser	Madeline	
9	Lachowicz	Holly	Ward 3
10	Scadron	Arlene	
11	Woodard	Andrea	