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

**February 21, 2009  
 Meeting Summary**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Barry called the February 21, 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  
 Jim Barry, Chairman  
 Tina Lee  
 Marcelino Flores  
 Bruce Gungle  
 John Carlson  
 Rob Kulakofsky

Representing:

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

Alternate Present:

Bob Cook

Representing:

County P&Z Commission

Absent:

Daniel Sullivan  
 James Watson  
 Mark Stratton

Representing:

CWAC  
 City Planning Commission  
 RWRAC

City/County Staff Present:

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

A quorum of the Committee was established.

2. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Bruce Gungle distributed a flyer advertising the *Help Shape Pima County's Environmental Future* meeting on February 24, 2009 from 5:30-7:30p.m. at the Copper Room, Randolph Golf Course.

Bonnie Poulos announced the Water Resources Research Center conference on March 17. Nicole Ewing Gavin mentioned that the study would have a poster at the conference.

Marcelino Flores announced that PAG would have a conference on renewable energy March 6-7.

Nicole Ewing Gavin announced that the movie "Flow" about the worldwide water crisis would be shown at the Loft Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Nicole also announced that Committee member Dan Sullivan is stepping down from the study committee, Sean Sullivan will now represent CWAC and Thomas Saylor-Brown is being recommended to replace Sean Sullivan as the City Planning Commission appointee.

Approval of the January 10, 2009 meeting summary passed by a voice vote of 9-0.

3. **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Ron Proctor from Sustainable Tucson thanked the committee for their work and requested that there be more information about global warming and climate change in the phase I report.

4. **REVIEW OUTREACH EFFORTS AND PUBLIC INPUT RECEIVED ON PHASE I DRAFT REPORT**

Nicole Ewing Gavin presented the committee information about the outreach efforts and input received on the Phase I report.

5. **DISCUSS/ APPROVE CHANGES TO PHASE I DRAFT REPORT\***

Sean Sullivan requested more time to review and edit the phase I report. John Carlson asked to hear how the committee chair felt about the schedule change. Jim Barry stated that he was not in favor of the delay and requested assurance from the committee that the report would be finalized in March. Sean Sullivan made a motion to wait to approve the report at the March 19<sup>th</sup> committee meeting with a final edited draft being distributed to the committee one week prior. The motion passed 9-0.

Nicole Ewing Gavin told the committee that a recommended edit was to move committee themes to the beginning of the Executive Summary. Vince Vasquez reminded the committee that the purpose of phase I was to conduct an inventory and recommended that it be kept in the back. Bruce Gungle recommended placing the themes on their own page and using a larger font to make the themes more obvious. Jim Barry stated that he agreed with Vince that the committee was tasked with doing an inventory and that they could put in an explanation at the beginning clarifying what and where the themes are.

Nicole Ewing Gavin requested committee direction with the edit that suggested that future residents are not stakeholders located in the executive summary on p.28. Bonnie Poulos suggested a re-wording of the statement to address the issue and maintain the concept.

Nicole Ewing-Gavin suggested that the service area maps would be put in the beginning of the executive summary to define the Tucson region. Vince Vasquez recommended including a Tucson AMA map. Sean Sullivan disagreed stating there are concerns that fall outside of the

mapped areas and he would rather have the region defined and agreed to both maps and a definition.

A motion was made to change the Chapter 3 title from Sustainable Water Future to Critical Factors Associated with Water Sustainability. 7 committee members agreed, Jim Barry opposed and Rob Kulakofsky abstained.

Tina Lee requested to see all the edits in context in a red-line draft of the report.

Sean Sullivan disagreed with the term renewable being used to define the CAP. Jim Barry agreed that the Colorado is stressed but by everyone's definition it is renewable. Sean Sullivan requested the definition of renewable to be included in the report. Marcelino Flores requested that the definition of renewable and sustainable be added to the glossary of terms. Jim Barry stated that the cost to customers in regards to acquiring new water is a major phase II topic. Sean Sullivan stated he wanted a clarifying statement about what is not taken into consideration such as cost per customer and environmental impacts around acquiring new water. Vince Vasquez stated that users have not paid the full costs for resources and that discussing that is appropriate for phase II. Jim Barry agreed with Sean Sullivan that environmental issues had been under emphasized and requested that Sean Sullivan make a statement about environmental issues for the committee themes and concerns and the executive summary.

6. **DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS/ WRAP-UP PHASE I**

Nicole Ewing Gavin explained that the report would go to the City Council and Board of Supervisors around April 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. The report most likely would be discussed by the City Council during a study session. There was uncertainty of how the Board of Supervisors would be presented the report.

7. **PHASE 2 UPDATE:**  
**A. STATUS OF WHITE PAPERS ON ADAPTIVE MGMT.**

Melaney Seacat explained that there would be three papers for this topic: drought, conservation and reclaimed. Marcelino Flores asked that values and assumptions be clearly stated in white paper development. Jim Barry requested that the white paper topics be sent out to the committee for review.

**B. PHASE 2 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Melaney Seacat explained that there were five meetings scheduled for phase II. Bonnie Poulus stated that this is an ambitious schedule and asked the committee to be open to more meetings or extending the process.

8. **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Alice Roe stated that she was pleased to see the committee working together and having a little fun.

9. **ADJOURNMENT\***

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Barry at 11:30 a.m.

**Audience Members Present:**

Sarah Daw

Ron Proctor  
Alice Roe