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

August 13, 2008

Meeting Summary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Barry called the August 13, 2008 meeting of the City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee) to order at 7:00 a.m. at the Randolph Golf Course Club House, Copper Room, 600 South Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona.

Members Present:

Jim Barry, Chairman
John Carlson
Marcelino Flores
Rob Kulakofsky
Bonnie Poulos
Sean Sullivan
Daniel Sullivan
Mark Stratton

Representing:

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

Alternate Present:

Bob Cook

Representing:

County P&Z Commission

Members Absent:

Bruce Gungle
Tina Lee
James Watson

Representing:

County Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission
CWAC
City Planning Commission

City/County Staff Present:

Nicole Ewing Gavin, City Manager's Office
Sabrina Cotta, City Manager's Office
Chris Avery, Tucson Water
Sandy Elder, Tucson Water
Ralph Marra, Tucson Water
David Cormier, Interim Finance Director, City of Tucson
Belinda Oden, Tucson Water
Melaney Seacat, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
Nicole Fyffe, Pima County Administrator's Office
Jeff Nichols, Deputy Director Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
Eric Wieduwilt, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
Ed Curley, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

A quorum of the Committee was established.

2. **RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ACTIONS: June 11, 2008**

Melaney Seacat stated that due to improper posting of the July 9, 2008 meeting agenda, actions taken at the meeting needed to be ratified. Approval of June 11, 2008 meeting minutes was the only action item from the meeting. The June 11, 2008 meeting minutes were approved by voice vote of 9-0.

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 9, 2008 and July 23, 2008**

The July 9, 2008 and July 23, 2008 meeting minutes were approved by a voice vote of 9-0.

4. **COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nicole Fyffe responded to a question from Sean Sullivan from the July 23, 2008 meeting about impacts of infrastructure to wildlife and habitat. A slide was presented that showed the County's Conservation Land System and acres proposed for conservation versus development.

Sean Sullivan asked if the county was planning to track the types of habitat impacted to ensure that the same type of habitat is preserved through mitigation. Nicole Fyffe responded that once the county has shape files for tracking the impact of development that type of equation can be looked at to compare what is impacted versus what is mitigated.

Chris Avery spoke about the Tucson Water Habitat Conservation Plan identifying the values of the widely varied farmland that was purchased in the 1970's to set up a mitigation bank system to ensure that development impact on lands are mitigated. The plan is close to submission with the Fish and Wildlife department.

Sean Sullivan question whether tools are in place to ensure land is preserved in perpetuity. Chris Avery responded yes.

Bonnie Poulos questioned why the city came up with its own plan when the Sonora Desert Protection Plan was created with the same idea in mind. Chris Avery answered that the Endangered Species Act requires the city to have its own permit.

Sean Sullivan stated that the final report should report on impacts on habitat and how the city and county are mitigating these impacts.

5. **REVIEW DRAFT AUGUST PROGRESS REPORT**

Melaney Seacat stated that the progress report was posted on the study website and that two minor changes suggested by the Committee via email had been made. Bonnie Poulos asked that a summary of the previous topics be provided. Jim Barry stated that this would be included in the final report. Jim Barry stated that it would be important for the Board of Supervisors and Mayor and Council to recognize that this committee is meeting weekly and that it still might not be enough time to complete Phase I.

6. **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REMAINING SCHEDULE AND MEETING TOPICS**

Jim Barry discussed the need for additional meetings. The list of topics and subject matter was discussed. John Carlson questioned the difference between sustainability and availability of

resources. A motion was made to combine the three water resource presentations into two and add a second sustainability meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote of 9-0.

Times and dates of future meetings were discussed and a schedule was agreed to through October 8th. Jim Barry suggested that at the next meeting, the Committee discuss the rest of the schedule and report writing through December. Marcelino Flores requested that the committee members summarize key issues for each presentation from their perspective to use to begin writing the final report.

7. **BEST PRACTICES IN FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Harold Smith from Raftelis Financial Consulting made a presentation on financial best practices and the challenges utilities face in providing water and wastewater services. The Power Point presentation is posted to the study website (tucsonpimawaterstudy.com).

8. **Q & A WITH PRESENTER**

Questions with the presenter were postponed due to time constraints.

9. **TUCSON WATER FINANCIAL PLANNING**

David Cormier made a presentation on Tucson Water's financial planning process, including revenue requirements, cost of service, and rate design. The Power Point presentation is posted to the study website (tucsonpimawaterstudy.com).

10. **Q&A WITH PRESENTER**

Questions with the presenter were postponed due to time constraints.

11. **PIMA COUNTY RWRD FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Jeff Nichols made a presentation on Pima County Wastewater's financial planning process including revenue requirements, cost of service, and rate design. Pima County Wastewater reserve requirements and debt service coverage requirements were also discussed. The Power Point presentation is posted to the study website (tucsonpimawaterstudy.com).

12. **Q&A WITH PRESENTER**

Questions with the presenter were postponed due to time constraints.

13. **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Jim Barry stated that questions from Committee members about presentations would be answered in writing due to time constraints.

Clyde Stagner questioned why Pima County paid for the ISO certification and requested that the County look up the company on Wikipedia to learn about the company's reputation. He also suggested that an independent water quality department be formed because Tucson Water is not properly testing.

Jim Braithwaite stated that there needed to be a discussion about indirect potable reuse of effluent, and that based on California's experience, this takes years to implement. He also

suggested that UA researchers Reynolds and Carruba make a presentation to the committee on the work they are doing related to pathogen control.

Tracy Williams stated that water quality is an issue and we need to know about endocrine disruptors and pharmaceuticals in the water.

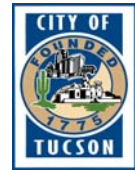
Frank Postillion with Pima County Regional Flood Control District questioned whether debt service would increase with the ROMP and how this would affect rates. Jim Barry responded that the committee would get back to him in writing

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Barry at 9:00 a.m.



**City/County Water & Wastewater Study Oversight
Committee Meeting- 8/13/2008 Attendees**



	Last Name	First Name	Organization	8/13/2008
1	Block	Michael	Metro Water	✓
2	Braithwaite	Jim		✓
3	Branch-Gilby	Donna	Candidate BOS	✓
5	Cloningor	Tim	U of A	✓
6	Cole	Charles J.		✓
8	Dickerson	Dennis		✓
9	Doba	Ron	Blcak & Veatli	✓
10	Elder	Sandy	Tucson Water	✓
11	Freitas	Chuck		✓
12	Garcia	Margot		✓
13	Godlewski	David	SAHBA	✓
14	Heller	Carol		✓
15	Herbert	Randy	O'leary Construction	✓
16	Hudson	Mac	Ward 1	✓
18	Lachowicz	Holly		✓
20	Little	Val		✓
21	Matthewson	Matt	PCRWRD	✓
22	O'Brien	Dorothy	Town of Marana	✓
23	Pierce	Les	Arroyo Chico Neighborhood Association	✓
24	Postillion	Frank	PCRFCO	✓
25	Proctor	Ron	Sustainable Tucson	✓
26	Revere	C.T.	Ward 6	✓
27	Roe	Alice		✓
28	Romero	Steve	Town of Marana	✓
29	Saletta	Philip	Oro Valley Water Utility	✓
30	Siath	John	Tetra Tech Inc.	✓
31	Stagner	Clyde	Social Security	✓
33	Tannler	Jeff	ADWR - Tucson AMA	✓
34	Von Rago	Lilian	PCRWRD	✓
35	Williams	Tracy		✓
36	Zimmerman	Gabe	US Rep. Giffords	✓
37	Zucker	Claire	PAG	✓