

**REGIONAL WASTEWATER RECLAMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RWRAC) PUBLIC MEETING
ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL USERS FROM WINTER QUARTER
AVERAGE TO ACTUAL WATER USAGE**

**Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation
Conference Room
3500 W. River Road
Tucson, Arizona 85741**

Monday, September 24, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bill Katzel, Rob Kulakofsky, Corin Marron, Armando Membrila, Shaun McClusky, Scott Oldendorph, Asia Philbin, Mark Taylor, Ann Marie Wolf, Claire Zucker

Members Absent: John Lynch, Matt Matthewson, Jean McLain

Others Present: Marla Berry (RWRD), Melody Burton (FRMD), Isai Centeno (FRMD), Michelle Campagne (FRMD), Jennifer C. Coyle (RWRD), Carmine DeBonis (County Administration), Jason Grodman (RWRD), Michelle Hamilton (FRMD), Jackson Jenkins (RWRD), Amanda Jones (Marana Water), Meredith Litton (FRMD), Veronica Lopez (RWRD), Jeff Prevatt (RWRD), Jaime Rivera (RWRD), Timothy Thomure (Tucson Water), Caroline Vargas (RWRD), Chuck Wesselhoft (PCAO), Eric Wieduwilt (RWRD), 22 members of the public

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

Corin Marron, Chair, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee (RWRAC), called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Fernanda Quintanilla, Program Coordinator, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD), took roll call and a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Call to the Audience – There were no comments from the audience.

D. Proposed Modifications for Non-Residential Users from Winter Quarter Average to Actual Water Usage Presentation

1. Overview – Jeff Prevatt, Deputy Director, RWRD

Jackson Jenkins, Director, RWRD, introduced himself and directed the audience to the group of members from the Finance and Risk Management Department (FRMD) who would be available during the meeting to answer any questions as to how the proposed changes would affect their sewer user account. He explained that the Department is not looking for an increase in revenue, but rather an increase in fairness and equity in how all of the customer classes pay their sewer bills. Mr. Jenkins explained the billing methodology, the components involved, and how the Department is gathering feedback to help make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Prevatt gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding winter quarter averaging versus direct usage for the non-residential sewer class. Mr. Prevatt explained winter averaging and how direct usage is more applicable for non-residential customers. Often non-residential properties have limited outdoor use and reduced holiday operations can bias winter averaging. Mr. Prevatt provided examples of various accounts and the inequities between winter quarter averaging versus actual usage.

Mr. Prevatt and County staff answered various questions from members of the public and the Committee. Mr. Jenkins explained that the Department would work with the County Administrator and the RWRAC to

make a recommendation that would be publicly posted for constituents to view. Mr. Jenkins suggested the recommendation would likely be modified considering the feedback the Department has received from the public.

2. Financial Implications – Michelle Campagne, Director, FRMD and Michelle Hamilton, Administrative Support Services Manager

FRMD staff was available to answer questions concerning specific financial implications.

E. Call to the Audience

Brian Schneider with Rincon Cleaners stated that a majority of his customers own their own residences or live in complexes and prefer to use a laundromat. Mr. Schneider said that although the laundromat is putting more water into the sewer system, this water that would have otherwise been put in the sewer by those who utilize his services.

Michael Austin with Hawthorne Manner Apartments stated that his seven-unit complex, although coded as multi-family use, has the same patterns of use as residential. Mr. Austin stated his water bill increases during the summer months when he utilizes more water for irrigation and it would be a huge burden to install a separate irrigation meter.

F. Adjournment

ACTION: Bill Katzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Claire Zucker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.