



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 5, 2016

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry,
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name of the County Administrator.

Re: **Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department – Water and Energy Sustainability Center Renaming**

I am pleased to announce the renaming of the Water and Energy Sustainability Center (to the Water Campus). A photograph of the new Water Campus sign is attached.

The completion of the Water and Energy Sustainable Technology Center was another milestone in bringing together Pima County, the City of Tucson, The University of Arizona and private entities focused on water treatment technologies. Our goal is the creation of a water technology cluster focused on issues related to water quality and water scarcity.

Further, a national water resource recovery network of test-bed facilities for promoting water innovation is currently underway with the Water Environment Research Foundation, National Science Foundation, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Department of Agriculture, and US Department of Energy sponsoring these efforts. We have been identified as one of nine Level 4 facilities in North America and one of only three focused solely on potable reuse issues for inclusion in the Test Bed Facility Network and Directory. A Level 4 classification should help bring quality firms to our region for future economic development opportunities. The Test Bed Network Directory is now live at <http://www.werf.org/TestBedNetwork>.

Since the inception of Regional Optimization Master Plan (ROMP), we have continued to strive to provide exceptional service and high-quality products resulting from our treatment (clean water, biosolids for agriculture, biogas for the renewable energy market and potentially recovery of struvite for the fertilizer industry).

Through the efforts of our RWRD staff, as well as other key partners such as The University of Arizona, we are well positioned for future water industry based economic development.

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Attachment

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works Policy
Jackson Jenkins, Director, Regional Wastewater Reclamation



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