

REGIONAL WASTEWATER RECLAMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RWRAC) MEETING

Water Campus

2955 W. Calle Agua Nueva – Radon Conference Room

Thursday, August 22, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Steve Foley, Bill Katzel (via phone), Rob Kulakofsky, Corin Marron, Jean McLain, Armando Membrila, Asia Philbin, Ann Marie Wolf

Members Absent: John Lynch, Matt Matthewson, Scott Oldendorph, Mark Taylor, Claire Zucker

Others Present:

Mandy Armenta (FRMD), Marla Berry (RWRD), Adam Bliven (RWRD), Isai Centeno (FRMD), Jennifer C. Coyle (RWRD), Barbara Escobar (RWRD), Mike Gerstenberger (RWRD), Jeff Prevatt (RWRD), Veronica Lopez (RWRD), Jaime Rivera (RWRD), John Kmiec (Tucson Water), Lisa Starks (RWRD), Erika Swan (RWRD) Caroline Vargas (RWRD), Chuck Wesselhoft (PCAO), Eric Wieduwilt (RWRD), Jody Hawkinson (Jacobs Engineering)

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

Corin Marron, Chair, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee (RWRAC), called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Veronica Lopez, 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. Safety Share

Armando Membrila, RWRAC Member, reminded everyone to beware of silent rattlesnakes.

E. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from June 27, 2019

ACTION: Steve Foley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 27, 2019. Ann Marie Wolf seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion/Action

1. Director's Report – *Jennifer Coyle, Special Assistant to the Director, RWRD on behalf of Jackson Jenkins, Director, RWRD*

a. Biosolids Disposal Emergency Back-Up Contract

Due to compliance issues with the current biosolids disposal contractor, the department entered into an emergency biosolids hauling and removal back-up contract. This contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 6th.

b. Mt. Lemmon and the Forest Service

RWRD's Special Use Agreement with the Forest Service has been amended to remove the 77 connection limit and increase the gallons per day maximum from 12,500 to 15,000 gallons.

c. 13.20 Code Text Amendment

Ms. Coyle thanked the RWRAC for their input, feedback and support regarding the 13.20 Code Text Amendments. On August 19, 2019, the Pima County Board of Supervisors approved the 13.20 Code Text Amendments and it will be implemented within 30 days.

d. County Consolidation

The Geographical Information Systems (GIS) section of RWRD was consolidated by County Administration into the Information Technology Department with an August 18, 2019 effective date. Eight employees are affected and it is the hope of RWRD that resources will remain accessible with minimal disruption.

The Staff Development and Training Section of RWRD is also in the process of consolidation by County Administration. RWRD specific training and staff associated with this training will remain with RWRD. Three employees with more managerial and supervision training duties are likely to be consolidated with the Human Resources Department during this process. Details are still pending.

e. Roger Road Facility and the Red Cross

RWRD and the Pima County Attorney's Office is working on a license agreement with the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Red Cross to store emergency supplies for \$10 per month at the empty warehouse Roger Road Facility.

f. RWRAC Coordinator

RWRAC coordination duties will be transitioning from Veronica Lopez to Erika Swan and her supervisor Marla Berry.

2. Treatment Division Update – Jeff Prevatt, Deputy Director, RWRD

Various awards have been issued to the different treatment facilities in regards to water quality. The Treatment Division's budget was explained and staff updates were provided regarding senior management shifting due to retirements. Projects aimed at reducing energy, chemical usage, long-term costs and producing revenue and environmental credits were explained. Updates were given on several ongoing projects: Nuresys (a struvite abatement process), side-stream deammonification using Anammox, and the Biogas Project.

3. CIP Subcommittee Report – Matt Matthewson, RWRAC CIP Subcommittee Chair

There has been no recent activity with the CIP Subcommittee.

4. Financial Subcommittee Report – John Lynch, RWRAC Financial Subcommittee Chair

There has been no recent activity with the Financial Subcommittee. A Financial Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019.

5. Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget – Year End Report – Mandy Armenta, Admin. Support Svcs. Mgr., FRMD

For Period 13, the Fiscal Year End 2018/2019 operations and maintenance (O&M) expense budget was \$162.6 million, which is a projected savings of \$1.2 million. Total revenues were budgeted at \$177

million, with a projected amount of \$187 million. RWRD revenues will be over budget by \$10 million for last year.

6. Fiscal Year 2019/20 RWRD Expense & Revenue Report – Mandy Armenta, Admin. Support Svcs. Mgr., FRMD

The Fiscal Year 2019/2020 O&M budgeted expense is \$160 million. The total revenue is budgeted at \$182.4 million.

7. Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Report – Meeting Report and Tucson Water Activities

Jean McClain, RWRAC Member, stated that CWAC met on June 5, 2019. There was a May study session in which Tucson Water received the go-ahead to receive upgrades to the TARP Facility. Upgrades will increase the number of the GAC cartridges to remove PFAS. Tucson Water's Annual Checkbook is showing accumulation of long term storage credits in both CAP and effluent storage. The Green Stormwater Infrastructure Fund was presented and a survey is open for public input and comments. The survey is available online, www.tucsonaz.gov/newsnet/take-survey-proposed-green-stormwater-infrastructure-program. The next CWAC meeting will be held on September 4, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

8. RWRAC Annual Draft Report – Committee Members

ACTION: Ann Marie Wolf made a motion to approve the Finalized RWRAC Annual Report. Armando Membrila seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Future Agenda Items

- Analysis of both the GIS and Staff Training and Development consolidations and the impact it has on the Department. Update to be given in a year.

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

I. Adjournment

ACTION: Rob Kulakofsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie Wolf seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.