

REGIONAL WASTEWATER RECLAMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RWRAC) MEETING

Water Campus

2955 W. Calle Agua Nueva – Radon Conference Room

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Bill Katzel, John Lynch, Corin Marron, Matt Matthewson, Shaun McClusky, Armando Membrila, Scott Oldendorph, Asia Philbin

Members Absent: Rob Kulakofsky, Jean McLain, Mark Taylor, Ann Marie Wolf, Claire Zucker

Others Present: Mary Allen (RWRD), Mandy Armenta (FRMD), Marla Berry (RWRD), Adam Bliven (RWRD), Melody Burton (FRMD), Michelle Campagne (FRMD), Suzette Castro (RWRD), Isai Centeno (FRMD), Jennifer C. Coyle (RWRD), Mike Gerstenberger (RWRD), Michelle Hamilton (FRMD), Jackson Jenkins (RWRD), Meridith Litton (FRMD), Julie McWilliams (RWRD), Jeanette Montano (RWRD), Richard Munoz (Tucson Water), Jeff Prevatt (RWRD), Fernanda Quintanilla (RWRD), Xavier Rendon (FRMD), Jaime Rivera (RWRD), Richard Sarti (Tucson Water), Caroline Vargas (RWRD), Chuck Wesselhoft (PCAO), Eric Wieduwilt (RWRD), one member of the public

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

Corin Marron, Chair, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Advisory Committee (RWRAC), called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.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

Don French, member of the public, presented options for alternative methods for sewer billing and requested information on the Department budget from staff.

D. Safety Share

Bill Katzel, Member, RWRAC, suggested that individuals slow down and take time to enjoy each moment.

E. Approval of Minutes – Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2018

ACTION: Mr. Katzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 27, 2018. Shaun McClusky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion/Action

1. Director's Update

Mr. Jenkins listed recent accolades received by the Department including; Arizona Forward's *Governor's Award* for the AZ Pure Water Brew Challenge, the WaterReuse Association *Transformational Innovation Award* for the AZ Pure Water Brew Challenge, the Metropolitan Pima Alliance *Project of the Year Award* for the Southeast Interceptor Sewer Augmentation (SEI) project, and the Water Environment Federation *Most Elegant Solution Award* for the RWRD integrated data reporting tool.

Mr. Jenkins gave an update on the presentation given to the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association on Saturday, October 20, 2018, regarding the proposed modifications to the Pima County Code 13.28, *Mt. Lemmon Sewer Connections*, and 13.32, *Mt. Lemmon Conservation Fees* adding an operational surcharge (currently set at \$0) and language clarification.

Mr. Jenkins stated the Department would be gathering feedback from developers regarding revisions to Pima County Code 13.20, *Sanitary Sewer Construction, Connections and Fees* and 13.24 *Sanitary Sewer User Fees* with public meetings to follow.

Mr. Jenkins gave an update on a recent line break caused by a sub-contractor working for Southwest Gas that led to process improvement measures by the Department. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jenkins stated there are ongoing discussions with leaders of the Arizona State Prison Complex to resolve the issue of large amounts of trash and debris being improperly disposed into the sewer system.

2. Tucson Water Information on Water Meter Installation

Ray Munoz, Tucson Water New Area Services Supervisors, and Richard Sarti, Tucson Water New Development Section Manager, gave a presentation on the cost and process involved with installing a new water meter. Discussion ensued.

3. Rate Structure & Other Billing Topics

Mr. Jenkins stated the Department would be postponing any further recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and plans to redefine the problems involved with the current billing methodology and consider available data and constituent feedback before proposing additional measures. Discussion ensued.

Shaun McClusky made a motion to rescind his previous motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Non-Residential sewer users (excluding Multi-Family) be billed based on actual water usage rather than winter quarter average. Discussion ensued.

John Lynch, Member, RWRAC, stated the Financial Subcommittee had been informed that based on public comments and feedback, the Department would like additional time to address public concerns and questions before moving forward with any recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Lynch stated the Financial Subcommittee agreed to defer any further action on billing items in deference to the Department's desire to continue to address constituent concerns.

ACTION: Armando Membrilla seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Subcommittee Update

Mr. Lynch stated the information meant for the Financial Subcommittee Update had been discussed during agenda item F3.

Mr. Lynch stated the importance of RWRAC members regularly communicating with their respective Supervisor.

Mr. Jenkins asked the RWRAC to submit billing questions for consideration to Mrs. Quintanilla.

5. Proposed Ordinance Revisions: 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, 13.28, and 13.32

ACTION: Shaun McClusky made a motion to hold a RWRAC special public meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library regarding the proposed ordinance revisions to Pima County Code 13.28, *Mt. Lemmon Sewer Connections*, and 13.32, *Mt. Lemmon Conservation Fees*. Asia Philbin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Fiscal Year 2018/2019 RWRD Expense & Revenue Update

Mandy Armenta, Administrative Support Services Manager, FRMD, provided the Expense and Revenue Update for Period 3. The total operating and maintenance expenses projections are \$82.9 million. Total revenues are projected at \$177.4 million. Discussion ensued.

7. CIP Subcommittee Update

Matt Matthewson, Member, RWRAC, stated the next CIP Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled for December where the Subcommittee will review the proposed CIP budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20

8. Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Update – There was no CWAC update.

9. RWRAC Schedule November and December 2018

Ms. Marron reviewed the RWRAC schedule for the remainder of the year. Mr. Katzel suggested the Committee discuss the potential of beginning meetings at 9:00 a.m. rather than 8:00 a.m. Mr. Jenkins directed staff to poll the Committee to determine which time is more favorable.

G. Future Agenda Items

- Sahuarita Development
- High Strength User Classes

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

I. Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Katzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Marron seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.