

**REGIONAL WASTEWATER RECLAMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RWRAC) MEETING
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Thursday, May 27, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Steve Foley, Alison Jones, Scott Kolt, Corin Marron, Armando Membrila, Scott Oldendorph, Asia Philbin, Claire Zucker

Members Absent: Bill Katzel, Rob Kulakofsky, Matt Matthewson, Mark Taylor, Ann Marie Wolf

Others Present:

Mandy Armenta (FRMD), Laura Arnold (RWRD), Julie Brixen (FRMD), Victoria Buchinger (PCAO), Isai Centeno (FRMD), Kim Challender (BOS – District 1), Barbara Escobar (RWRD), Mike Gerstenberger (RWRD), Andrew Greenhill (Tucson Water), Jackson Jenkins (RWRD), Veronica Lopez (RWRD), Julie McWilliams (RWRD), Sarah Metz (FRMD), Mead Mier (PAG), Jeff Prevatt (RWRD), Xavier Rendon (FRMD), Jaime Rivera (RWRD), Eric Wieduwilt (RWRD)

A. Call to Order / Roll Call

Scott Oldendorph, Chair, RWRAC, called the meeting to order at 8:05 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

Steve Foley, Member, RWRAC, reminded everyone to watch footing when walking up slopes or on loose gravel, etc. to avoid slips, trips, or falls.

E. Approval of Minutes – Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2021

ACTION: Steve Foley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 22, 2021. Alison Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion/Action

1. Director's Report

a. Overview of Treatment Tour given to Supervisor Rex Scott & District 1 Staff

Jackson Jenkins, Director, RWRD, stated Supervisor Rex Scott and his staff toured the Tres Rios Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), as well as the Agua Nueva WRF and the Water Campus lab. Mr. Jenkins stated he hopes the department will be able to resume tours soon.

b. Summary of Corona de Tucson Association Meeting Related to Proposed Differential Rates

Mr. Jenkins stated at Supervisor Steve Christy's request, he and a few others from the County attended a meeting with the Corona de Tucson Association in order to answer any questions the residents had related to the Tucson Water proposed differential rates.

c. RWRD's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Presentation

Mr. Jenkins stated he recently presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on RWRD's proposed budget for next Fiscal Year. The presentation consisted of a general overview of the department. The BOS will vote on adoption of the final budget in June. Mr. Jenkins discussed some of the key points he covered in the budget presentation to the BOS.

2. Financial Subcommittee Report

The RWRAC Financial Subcommittee is scheduled to meet Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

3. CIP Subcommittee Report

Asia Philbin, Member, RWRAC, reported the RWRAC CIP Subcommittee would be meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. Ms. Philbin announced that Matt Matthewson has requested to step away from this subcommittee and stated there is now a vacancy and asked if anyone would be interested in serving on this subcommittee to replace Mr. Matthewson. Mr. Foley volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

4. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Expense and Revenue Summary

Mandy Armenta, Administrative Support Services Manager, FRMD, provided the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Expense and Revenue Summary for Period 10. The operating and maintenance target budget is set at \$82.5 million and the Department is projecting to spend \$82.5 million, with just a slight variance on the budget, but very close to being on target.

5. CWAC Report – Meeting Report and Tucson Water Activities

Alison Jones, Member, RWRAC, gave an update on the CWAC meeting held on May 5, 2021. Ms. Jones stated a main topic of discussion was the water checkbook. Ms. Jones also stated the Mayor and Council is scheduled to vote on the proposed differential rates at their June 8th meeting and CWAC is determining whether or not they will be making a statement at that meeting.

6. Appoint Nominating Committee

Armando Membrila and Corin Marron, Members, RWRAC, will serve on the nominating committee.

G. Future Agenda Items – There were no future agenda items.

H. Call to the Audience – Mr. Oldendorph asked staff if there has been any indication as to when the committee can resume in-person meetings. Mr. Jenkins stated there has been no directives yet on exactly when that will occur. Mead Mier, Pima Association of Governments, announced the PAG 208 Plan is expected to be approved on June 8, 2021 and will provide an update during the Call to the Audience at the next meeting.

I. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

ACTION: Armando Membrila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.