

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

**Thursday, April 28, 2022  
8:00 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Alison Jones, Bill Katzel, Scott Kolt, Matt Matthewson, Armando Membrila, Scott Oldendorph, Ann Marie Wolf, Claire Zucker

**Others Present:**

Melaine Alvarez (PAG), Mandy Armenta (FRMD), Marla Berry (RWRD), Isai Centeno (FRMD), Kim Challender (BOS – D1), Carmine DeBonis (County Administration), Jim Doyle (RWRD), Mike Gerstenberger (RWRD), Andrew Greenhill (Tucson Water), Jackson Jenkins (RWRD), Yves Khawam (County Administration), Veronica Lopez (RWRD), Julie McWilliams (RWRD), Jeff Prevatt (RWRD), Jaime Rivera (RWRD), Andy Welch (FRMD), 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** – Mr. Oldendorph noted that both Ms. Asia Philbin and Ms. Alison Jones were reappointed to serve another 4-year term on the committee, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 5, 2022. Jackson Jenkins, Director, RWRD, announced that Jim Doyle, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager, RWRD, is now serving as the RWRD representative on the Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC).

**D. Safety Share**

Mr. Jenkins stated the Department is currently conducting a safety audit within the Department and ensuring new employees are aware and informed of safety policies and procedures. Mr. Oldendorph also stated that with the temperature rising, to stay hydrated. Armando Membrila, Member, RWRAC, reminded everyone to be cautious of snakes.

**E. Approval of Minutes** – Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2022

**ACTION:** Bill Katzel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 24, 2022. Armando Membrila seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Discussion/Action**

**1. County Legislative Agenda Update**

Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works, gave a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. DeBonis briefly discussed the 2022 Legislative timeline of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session. Mr. DeBonis' presentation focused on water related House Bills (HB) that have been sent to the Governor. Mr. DeBonis stated the Governor has called for \$1 billion allocation into the

Drought Mitigation Fund and there has been a creation of the Arizona Water Authority (HB 2725 and SB 1161).

Mr. DeBonis discussed a variety of HB that have been sent to the Governor, as well as additional HB that are pending action, HB that failed, and a Bills of Concern Update list. Mr. DeBonis provided a brief update on the State budget. Mr. DeBonis noted that the County continually reviews State policies as they can impact County finances.

## **2. Cash Investments**

Andy Welch, Deputy Director, Finance and Risk Management Department (FRMD), explained there are two Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) that the County must follow, which dictates where County money can be invested. The two investment funds are the Emergency Reserve Fund, which was established in 2009 by the Board of Supervisors for unexpected events, in which a balance of \$20 million is maintained in the State Treasurer Local Government Investment Pool. The other fund is the Operating Reserve Fund, which is required by debt instruments to maintain a 90-day balance of expected operating expenses. Mr. Welch stated the Operating Fund Reserve balance is adjusted monthly and has a current balance of \$21 million. Discussion ensued.

## **3. Financial Subcommittee Report**

There were no updates to report.

## **4. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Expense and Revenue Summary**

Mandy Armenta, Administrative Support Services Manager, FRMD, provided the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Expense and Revenue Summary for Period 9. The O&M projected expenses are \$85.4 million, with a savings of approximately \$1 million. The Biogas projected revenues are estimated at \$500,000.

## **5. CIP Subcommittee Report**

Ms. Lopez stated the next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

## **6. CWAC Report – Meeting Report and Tucson Water Activities**

Alison Jones stated the CWAC met on April 6, 2022 and stated the main topic of discussion was a Legislative update given by Andrew Greenhill. Ms. Jones provided an overview of what was discussed.

## **G. Future Agenda Items**

- Watershed Restoration Plan

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

**I. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

**ACTION:** Bill Katzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Armando Membrila seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.