

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### *Information Summary*

May 21, 2009

#### **Subject**

CAWCD ADD Water Process

#### **Policy Question**

What is the AMWUA Management Board's guidance in the ADD Water stakeholder process regarding: 1) Governance, 2) Participation, and 3) Master Planning?

#### **Summary**

The CAWCD ADD Water process has initiated the next phase in its stakeholder participation process. This phase focuses on the generation of alternatives to be evaluated that will address the focus question: "Assuming CAWCD is to be the primary entity that acquires, develops, and delivers new water supplies for its three-county service area, how should the water be shared and paid for?" Eight small working groups have been meeting to generate alternative proposals addressing several issues including governance, financing, and sharing of ADD Water supplies.

At the April AMWUA Management Board and Board of Directors' meetings, an alternative developed by AMWUA staff, the Water Resources Advisory Group (WRAG), and representatives from the City of Tucson was discussed. The attached document, "Project ADD Water: Expanded Canal Capacity Alternative," is a draft proposal developed by AMWUA staff, the WRAG, and the City of Tucson representatives. This document is being used as guidance by WRAG members in the small working group discussions. In the small working group discussions, several controversial issues have surfaced. This agenda item will provide an opportunity for the AMWUA Management Board and the AMWUA Board of Directors to be updated on the ADD Water process and provide input regarding key issues being discussed.

#### **Considerations**

AMWUA's involvement in the ADD Water process is a continuation of AMWUA's commitment to pursue sustainable water supplies to meet future needs. Policy discussion in the areas of: 1) Governance, 2) Participation, and 3) Master Planning will assist ADD Water participants.

## **Prior Committee Action**

In April 2006, the AMWUA Board of Directors adopted the “Conceptual Framework for the ‘Next Bucket.’” This policy statement has been used as the direction to be followed in subsequent discussions of new water supply development.

In February 2008, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) began its stakeholder participation process. Updates on the process have been included as part of the AMWUA Management Board and Board of Directors’ agendas since the initiation of the process.

In February 2009, the AMWUA Management Board and Board of Directors were asked to provide guidance on the “Potential Table of ADD Water Elements” and direction regarding discussions in the ADD Water stakeholder process.

In March 2009, AMWUA staff updated the AMWUA Management Board and Board of Directors on the ADD Water process.

In April 2009, the AMWUA Management Board and Board of Directors discussed key assumptions being used in the ADD Water process.

At the May 2009 meeting, the AMWUA Management Board was provided an update on the ADD Water process.

## **Recommendation**

This agenda item is to provide a status report on the progress of the ADD Water stakeholder process and discuss issues that have arisen.

## **Attachment**

“Project ADD Water: Expanded Canal Capacity Alternative” dated April 29, 2009.