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**ARIZONA MUNICIPAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**Thursday, December 20, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Arizona Municipal Water Users Association  
Board Conference Room  
3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 1550  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012**

**A. Call to Order**

**B. General Business—Items for Discussion and Possible Action**

1. Approval of the Minutes from the November 29, 2018 Meeting
2. Schedule Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
3. Status of Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan and DCP Steering Committee
4. 2019 Legislative Session
5. Conservation Communications and Outreach
6. AMWUA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**C. Executive Director's Report**

**D. Future Agenda Items**

**E. Adjournment**

\*The order of the agenda may be altered or changed by the AMWUA Board of Directors. Members of the AMWUA Board of Directors will attend either in person or by telephone or internet conferencing.

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**Arizona Municipal Water Users Association**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### ***MEETING MINUTES***

**November 29, 2018**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jim Lane, President, Scottsdale  
Councilmember Eddie Cook, Vice President, Gilbert, via conference call  
Mayor Cathy Carlat, Secretary-Treasurer, Peoria  
Councilmember Pat Dennis, Avondale  
Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby, Tempe, via conference call  
Councilmember Sheri Lauritano, Goodyear  
Vice Mayor René Lopez, Chandler  
Councilmember Kevin Thompson, Mesa  
Councilmember Bart Turner, Glendale  
Mayor Thelda Williams, Phoenix

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Patrick J. Adams, AMWUA	Lacey James, Avondale
Thomas Adkins, Peoria	Sam Jaskolski, AMWUA
Anthony Alejandro, Peoria	Pat Kossan, AMWUA
Erin Andres, Phoenix	Ryan Lee, Glendale
Anthony Beckham, SRP	Ian Linssen, Mesa
Cindy Blackmore, Avondale	Brad Lundahl, Scottsdale
Jessica Blazina, Avondale	Jack Lundsford, Buckeye (The Lundsford Group)
Ned Blum, CLA	Andrea Odegard-Begay, Garver
Rob Bohr, Goodyear	Clark Princell, Phoenix
Eric Braun, Gilbert	John Raeder, Goodyear
Gregg Capps, Chandler	Tony Staffaroni, CAP
Ginna Carilo, Peoria	Drew Swieczkowski, Glendale
Alan Dulaney, Peoria	Warren Tenney, AMWUA
Gretchen Erwin, Goodyear	Heather Turrentine, Gilbert
Kathy Ferris, AMWUA	Theresa Ulmer, Ulmer Consulting
Brett Fleck, AMWUA	Carol Ward-Morris, AMWUA
David Iwanski, AZ Water Association	

## A. Call to Order

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

## B. General Business – Items for Discussion and Possible Action

### 1. Approval of the Minutes from the October 25, 2018 Meeting

Upon a motion by Councilmember Turner and a second by Vice Mayor Lopez, the AMWUA Board of Directors unanimously approved the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes.

### 2. Next meeting scheduled: Thursday, December 20, 2018, 11:00 a.m., in the AMWUA office

### 3. Status of Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan and DCP Steering Committee

Mr. Tenney shared an update on the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and DCP Steering Committee. He reviewed DCP progress thus far, the November 15<sup>th</sup> special Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) Board meeting, and the new DCP framework. He said the new DCP framework builds upon the CAWCD proposal and addresses its shortcomings. He noted that the new DCP framework also received input from the Arizona Department of Water Resources, CAWCD, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Gila River Indian Community, and others. He then discussed the new DCP framework for Ag mitigation, Non-Indian Agriculture (NIA) mitigation, and Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Offset Plan.

Mr. Tenney stated that the new DCP framework meets AMWUA's priorities for DCP: it is a path forward for implementing DCP, respects and follows the priority system, has a clear timeframe, transitions Pinal Ag from Colorado River water to groundwater, protects Lake Mead, and does not weaken Arizona's long-term water management.

Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor Carlat, and Mr. Tenney discussed system conservation, ICS, and different potential funding sources.

Councilmember Dennis and Mr. Tenney discussed Pinal Ag mitigation, NIA mitigation, and equity, and Central Arizona Project (CAP) rates.

In response to a question from Mayor Carlat, Mr. Tenney stated that the Governor's Office has been supportive of the new DCP framework.

Upon a motion by Mayor Carlat and a second by Councilmember Turner, the AMWUA Board of Directors unanimously approved AMWUA's position of being in support of the new DCP framework.

Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Lopez, and Mr. Tenney commented on the importance of communications and public relations, especially in regard to conservation and rates.

Mr. Tenney stated that he plans to write a letter to the DCP Steering Committee chairs to address rumors and share accurate information about the AMWUA cities' CAP orders and their uses. The AMWUA Board of Directors expressed support for this idea.

Mayor Williams, Mr. Tenney, and Ms. Ferris discussed other states' efforts to implement DCP within their individual states.

Mr. Tenney reported that AMWUA has been working with its members' intergov staffs on DCP and in preparation for next year's legislative session.

#### 4. Recovery Implementation Planning

Mr. Tenney stated that the Recovery Planning Advisory Group (RPAG) has been making incremental progress towards clarifying the *2014 Joint Recovery Plan*, including good discussions on policy issues. He reported that AMWUA had hoped to present a proposal at the RPAG meeting on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>; however, the meeting was postponed until January due to DCP meetings. Mr. Tenney will keep the AMWUA Board of Directors and Management Board apprised following the upcoming RPAG meeting.

#### 5. AMWUA Quarterly Financial Statements

Mr. Tenney reported that AMWUA's financial statements for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019 show that AMWUA's year-to-date actual is under budget by \$11,229.00, though the reasoning is primarily due to timing of when expenditures will occur. He stated that at its October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the AMWUA Management Board unanimously recommended that the AMWUA Board of Directors accept the first quarter financial statements as presented.

Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Lopez and a second by Mayor Williams, the AMWUA Board of Directors unanimously accepted the first quarter financial statements as presented.

#### 4. Recommendation for 2019 AMWUA Board Officers

Vice Mayor Lopez spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee (Vice Mayor Kuby, Councilmember Lauritano, and himself) to announce the Committee's recommendation for Mayor Jim Lane, Scottsdale, to serve as President; Councilmember Eddie Cook, Gilbert, to serve as Vice President; and Mayor Cathy Carlat, Peoria, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, to the AMWUA Board of Directors for 2019.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Lauritano and a second by Councilmember Dennis, the AMWUA Board of Directors unanimously approved the Nominating Committee's

recommendation for Mayor Jim Lane, Scottsdale, to serve as President; Councilmember Eddie Cook, Gilbert, to serve as Vice President; and Mayor Cathy Carlat, Peoria, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, to the AMWUA Board of Directors for 2019.

### **C. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Tenney reported that the AMWUA-facilitated Water Quality Standards for Non-Project Water Workgroup has been continuing progress. He said the Workgroup most recently met this week where they agreed to a proposal that will be brought to the CAP Water Quality Task Force. He stated that more work needs to be done, but good progress is occurring.

Mr. Tenney reported that AMWUA extended the time period for accepting applications for AMWUA's new Communications Specialist position to December 10th.

Mayor Williams asked if AMWUA will be hosting any events for new legislators this year to inform and educate them. Mr. Tenney said AMWUA has been working with Mr. Aarons and Ms. Ulmer to strategize the best time to host such an event, which will most likely be at the start of the legislative session.

### **D. Future Agenda Items**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

### **E. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Mayor Carlat and a second by Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor Lane unanimously adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

## AMWUA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### INFORMATION SUMMARY

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## Status of the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan and DCP Steering Committee

### ANNUAL PLAN REFERENCE

#### Colorado River Drought / Shortage

*Strategic Plan:* Objectives – Prepare for Impacts of Drought & Shortage, Minimize Financial Impacts; Collaboration – Arizona Department of Water Resources, Central Arizona Project, Business Community

#### Actions:

- Remain engaged with developments to protect the Colorado River from drought and address the structural deficit.
- Seek ways AMWUA and its members can best individually and cooperatively respond to the increasing probability of a shortage declaration.

### SUMMARY

The Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) Steering Committee held an important meeting on November 29, 2018. The Steering Committee considered an implementation plan that addressed the key components for mitigation for Pinal Agriculture and Non-Indian Ag (NIA) priority water users along with ensuring water remains in Lake Mead.

This Arizona DCP Implementation Plan was also presented to the AMWUA Board of Directors on November 29, 2018. The AMWUA Board agreed to support having the plan move forward so the details can be worked out and the plan finalized. The AMWUA Board believes the implementation plan meets AMWUA's priorities including the implementation plan respects and follows the priority system for the Central Arizona Project's (CAP) delivery of Colorado River water to Central and Southern Arizona; ensures water is left in Lake Mead; clearly defines how mitigation will work for Pinal agricultural irrigation districts and for Tribes and cities that have NIA water allocations; provides a transition for Pinal farmers from Colorado River water to their groundwater resources; sets a clear time frame for this implementation plan; and does not weaken Arizona's long-term water management.

On December 6, 2018, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) Board voted to give overall support for the Arizona DCP Implementation Plan. It is understood that many details

need to be ironed out; however, this is a positive development for getting Arizona closer to implementing DCP in Arizona.

Governor Ducey has publicly voiced support for the Arizona DCP Implementation Plan.

AMWUA staff will provide an overview at the AMWUA Board of Directors meeting regarding the current status of the DCP Steering Committee and the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan.

The AMWUA Management Board discussed this item at its December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The AMWUA Board of Directors is encouraged to ask questions and provide direction regarding the Arizona DCP implementation plan.

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## 2019 Legislative Session

### ANNUAL PLAN REFERENCE

#### Legislation

Strategic Plan: Objectives – Advocate for Solutions, Safeguard Water Supplies, Reinforce Groundwater Management, Prepare for Impacts of Drought & Shortage; Collaboration – Legislature, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Central Arizona Project, Salt River Project, Water Community, and Business Community

Actions:

- Identify and track water legislation and other legislation of interest to our members.
- Provide weekly legislative updates during the session.
- Increase awareness of water-related federal legislation.
- Analyze and respond to legislation that impacts our members by taking positions, working with legislators and Congressional Delegation, and engaging the media and public as needed.
- Develop outreach to Legislators to continue to inform them about water and AMWUA. This includes individual meetings, presentations, and forums.

#### Colorado River Drought / Shortage

Strategic Plan: Objectives – Prepare for Impacts of Drought & Shortage, Minimize Financial Impacts; Collaboration – Arizona Department of Water Resources, Central Arizona Project, Business Community

Actions:

- Remain engaged with developments to protect the Colorado River from drought and address the structural deficit.

#### Regional Recharge Efforts

Strategic Plan: Objectives – Augment Supplies, Elevate the Benefit of Water Reuse; Collaboration – Arizona Department of Water Resources, Water Community

Actions:

- Lead effort to amend State statute to ensure long-term storage credits will continue to be earned from effluent storage beyond 2025.

### SUMMARY

The 2019 legislative session begins January 14, 2019. The Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) will be the focus for water legislation but it is possible other legislation will be introduced. AMWUA will be seeking to find a way to achieve its legislative agenda.



At the October 25, 2018 meeting, the AMWUA Board of Directors adopted the following 2019 legislative agenda:

Colorado River System – Support the implementation of the Lower Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan, if such implementation protects our existing priorities and rights, including underground storage of our Colorado River and reclaimed water, and ensures water left in Lake Mead benefits the Colorado River System.

Reclaimed Water & Recharge – Advance legislation to enhance the value of reclaimed water by removing the 2025 sunset for the ability to earn long-term storage credits by recharging effluent and set the amount of credits earned from recharging effluent in a managed recharge project equivalent to Central Arizona Project water.

Arizona Water Management – Continue to take positions that strengthen Arizona’s water management including supporting the 1980 Groundwater Management Act and the ability of local water providers to manage, plan, conserve, and acquire water resources for their customers.

AMWUA’s Legislative Consultant and staff will review what is anticipated for the 2019 legislative session.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The AMWUA Board of Directors is encouraged to ask questions regarding the 2019 legislative session.

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## Conservation Communications and Outreach

### ANNUAL PLAN REFERENCE

#### **AMWUA's Day-to-Day Operations**

Strategic Plan: Operational Principles – Facilitate our Strength in Numbers, Excel as an Expert and Resource, Manage an Efficient and Effective Association

Action:

- AMWUA will continue to communicate about water and its members to increase awareness among the public and decision makers

#### **Colorado River Drought / Shortage**

Strategic Plan: Objectives – Prepare for Impacts of Drought & Shortage, Minimize Financial Impacts; Collaboration – Arizona Department of Water Resources, Central Arizona Project, Business Community

Actions:

- Coordinate communications efforts among agencies and the membership to promote clear, consistent messaging to the public regarding drought and shortage

### SUMMARY

AMWUA, its members, and partners have been working to increase communications regarding our conservation achievements and programs and to raise the visibility of conservation awareness messaging.

The City of Phoenix recently launched an expanded conservation messaging campaign under its PHX Water Smart brand. The campaign will be co-branded with the *Water—Use It Wisely* campaign, which the City has partnered in since its inception 20 years ago. *Water—Use It Wisely* is about to release new creative in a media buy scheduled to begin the first week of January 2019.

Staffs from the City of Phoenix and AMWUA will provide a brief overview of what these efforts will entail, the timelines, and how the AMWUA members and partners are collaborating to enhance the visibility of conservation messaging ahead of shortage.

The AMWUA Management Board reviewed this presentation at its December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

The AMWUA Board of Directors is encouraged to ask questions regarding conservation messaging and communications.

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## **AMWUA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### **STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE**

Operational Principles – Facilitate our Strength in Numbers; Excel as an Expert and Resource

### **SUMMARY**

On March 10, 2019 AMWUA will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 1969, city leaders had the foresight to form this association in which they could work together to coordinate and plan their activities on water-related issues of common concern. Specifically, the leaders formed AMWUA to:

- Provide a forum for discussion and study of regional water problems of mutual interest to cities and towns;
- Insure through cooperation and the pooling of common resources, maximum efficiency and economy in maintaining and security water and water rights, and in producing, treating, conserving and distributing water for urban uses;
- Uncover, clarify, identify and comprehensively plan for the solution of regional water problems affecting cities and towns;
- Facilitate agreements among the governmental units for specific projects relating to water or for the adoption of common policies with respect to problems which are common to its members; and
- Attain the greatest degree of intergovernmental cooperation possible in order to prepare for future growth and development of affected cities and towns.

Over its 50 years, AMWUA worked to accomplish those reasons for formation. By being actively engaged on water over the last five decades, AMWUA has been involved in Arizona's water milestones.

AMWUA would like to take advantage of this anniversary as an opportunity to highlight our accomplishments, but more importantly to emphasize AMWUA's continued effort to facilitate, educate, collaborate and advocate on water issues critical to our members. While there are numerous approaches and events to celebrating a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are looking at what would be most positive and practical with our limited resources.

Presentation to Councils – During the year, we would like to present to each of our members' governing body to share about AMWUA and current water issues. This would also be an opportunity for you to highlight your water accomplishments and what water issues are most critical for your municipality. The purpose of the presentation would increase understanding about water and AMWUA among your municipality's decision makers and highlight AMWUA's continuing role today.

Anniversary Blogs – Produce blogs throughout the year that highlight water milestones and AMWUA's involvement, and to discuss how AMWUA continues to move forward.

Legislative Outreach – Hold an event for Legislators to discuss water issues that are important to our members. While this would be similar to previous outreach efforts, we would be highlighting AMWUA's anniversary.

The AMWUA Management Board discussed this item at its December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The AMWUA Board of Directors is requested to discuss AMWUA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and provide feedback to AMWUA staff.