

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2018

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick J. Adams, AMWUA	Gretchen Erwin, Goodyear	John Raeder, Goodyear
Barry Aarons, The Aarons Co.	Kathy Ferris, AMWUA, via phone	Kathy Rall, Scottsdale
Anthony Alejandro, Peoria	David Iwanski, AZ Water Assoc.	Javier Setovich, Goodyear
Anthony Beckham, SRP	Lacey James, Avondale	Richard Siegel, SRP
Cindy Blackmore, Avondale	Sam Jaskolski, AMWUA	Tony Staffaroni, CAP
Jessica Blazina, Avondale	Ryan Lee, Glendale	Drew Swieczkowski, Glendale
Eric Braun, Gilbert	Jack Lunsford, Buckeye	Warren Tenney, AMWUA
Gregg Capps, Chandler	Laura Magnus, The Aarons Co.	
Alan Dulaney, Peoria	Diana Piña, AMWUA	

A. Call to Order

Mayor Lane called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

B. General Business – Items for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 28, 2018 Meeting

Upon a motion by Mayor Carlat and a second by Councilmember Dennis, the AMWUA Board of Directors unanimously approved the June 28, 2018 meeting minutes.

2. Next meeting scheduled: Thursday, September 27, 2018, 11:00 a.m., in the AMWUA office

The order of the agenda was altered by the AMWUA Board of Directors.

4. Acceptance of Water Management Assistance Program Funding for the *Water—Use It Wisely* Campaign

Mr. Tenney stated that the Phoenix Active Management Area (AMA) Groundwater Users Advisory Council (GUAC) voted last month to recommend increasing the Water Management Assistant Program's (WMAAP) funding of the *Water—Use It Wisely* campaign from \$15,000 to \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2020. He said the GUAC wants to raise the visibility of the *Water—Use It Wisely* campaign based on the on-going drought and looming shortage declaration. He added that AMWUA believes *Water—Use It Wisely* is a very effective message and could be even more effective if its visibility is increased.

Mr. Tenney reported that the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Director accepted the GUAC's recommendation and approved the \$50,000. He described that ADWR uses an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with AMWUA to move the funds to the *Water—Use It Wisely* campaign. Mr. Tenney said the AMWUA Management Board unanimously recommended that the AMWUA Board of Directors accept the \$50,000 in funding to support increased visibility of the *Water—Use It Wisely* campaign at its August 8th meeting.

Mayor Williams asked how the funding will be spent. Mr. Tenney explained that *Water—Use It Wisely* will use the funds to purchase social media presence, public service announcements, radio advertisements, and other communication outlets to raise the campaign's visibility.

Mayor Carlat asked if *Water—Use It Wisely* is anticipating to use the funding to address a shortage declaration. Mr. Tenney said AMWUA and the GUAC have been encouraging *Water—Use It Wisely* to become more active and visible now, so the campaign is ahead of a declaration. Mayor Lane agreed that having a visible conservation message shows that Arizona is ahead of shortage and would positively affect the way the State is perceived nationally and regionally on water.

Upon a motion by Mayor Williams and a second by Councilmember Dennis, the AMWUA Board of Directors unanimously accepted the \$50,000 in funding to support increased visibility of the *Water—Use It Wisely* campaign.

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

Mr. Tenney reported that ADWR and the Central Arizona Project (CAP) established a diverse 41-member Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) Steering Committee to develop broad support for DCP and to consider necessary tools and processes to create an internal

plan for Arizona to implement DCP by November. He said the DCP Steering Committee includes the cities of Goodyear, Phoenix, and Scottsdale; however, AMWUA was omitted from the Steering Committee which leaves the 111,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water that AMWUA's seven other members receive without direct representation. Mr. Tenney stated that at its August 8th meeting, the AMWUA Management Board recommended that the AMWUA Board of Directors consider sending a letter to ADWR and CAP regarding the omission of AMWUA from the DCP Steering Committee. He said a draft letter has been prepared and is presented to the AMWUA Board today for review. He acknowledged that the letter will not change the make-up of the DCP Steering Committee; however, it is still important to express the principle of the Phoenix area municipalities' importance to whatever solution is developed.

Mayor Lane agreed with Mr. Tenney and stated that it is important that a precedent not be set in which AMWUA is not directly included on water issues. Mayor Carlat and Councilmember Cook echoed Mayor Lane's sentiments.

Councilmember Turner clarified that in signing the letter he is not signing on behalf of the City of Glendale but as a member of the AMWUA Board of Directors.

Councilmember Lauritano, Mayor Lane, and Mr. Tenney discussed that AMWUA has historically been included at the table in water conversations and this letter serves to protect future AMWUA Boards from the precedent of AMWUA being omitted.

Councilmember Turner and Mr. Tenney discussed that the Southern Arizona Water Users Association (SAWUA) was included on the DCP Steering Committee, which was justified because SAWUA's membership includes agricultural water users.

Upon a motion by Mayor Carlat and a second by Councilmember Cook, the AMWUA Board of Directors unanimously voted to send a letter to Mr. Tom Buschatzke, ADWR Director, and Mr. Ted Cooke, CAP General Manager expressing concern that AMWUA was not included on the DCP Steering Committee.

Mr. Tenney reviewed a presentation on the current status of the Lower Basin DCP and the DCP Steering Committee. He discussed that there has been a sense of urgency on moving forward with the Lower Basin DCP because the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) August 24-Month Study projected increased probability of shortage that would impact municipalities. Mr. Tenney explained that due to the current hydrology of the Colorado River continuing to show a stressed system, Arizona, California, Nevada, and Reclamation have negotiated the Lower Basin DCP to reduce the potential risk of the system "crashing." He then reviewed several graphics of Lake Mead levels and shortage projections.

Mr. Tenney stated that there is a general sentiment that if Arizona does not adopt DCP, the State would face a political fallout; however, some still have reservations that Arizona

is bearing the bulk of the extra cuts and question if DCP benefits the State in the long-run. He then discussed political and technical considerations of interstate DCP. He said the same issues still need to be addressed as when DCP conversations began, including CAP Ag mitigation, Tribal Intentional Created Surplus (ICS), CAP excess water plan, and a specific Arizona conservation plan. He noted that the DCP Steering Committee has had three meetings to date and has initiated work groups with plans to tackle Pinal Ag mitigation first.

Mr. Tenney reviewed the municipal perspective and discussed the fundamentals needed for municipalities to support an internal Arizona plan. He stated that AMWUA will follow DCP developments and facilitated discussions, and will pursue solutions and keep its members apprised.

Councilmember Thompson and Mr. Tenney discussed the Lake Powell Pipeline water delivery project that would transport water from Lake Powell to southern Utah. Mr. Tenney said Utah is a part of the Upper Colorado River Basin, which is working on its own interstate DCP. He added that Utah is entitled to its full allocation, which has not been put to full use yet.

Vice Mayor Lopez and Mr. Tenney discussed that California would take its first cut when Lake Mead's elevation hits 1,040 ft.

In response to a question from Mayor Carlat, Mr. Tenney stated that the DCP Steering Committee's goal is to develop an intrastate DCP that the ADWR Director would be able to bring to the state legislature for approval to allow the ADWR Director to sign Arizona onto DCP.

Mr. Aarons discussed the primary elections and political climate of water issues. He also introduced Laura Magnus, legislative associate with The Aarons Company, and announced that Elise Kulik will be leaving The Aarons Company to begin a new position as a budget analyst with the Governor's Office.

5. Water Loss Control Technical Training and Assistance

Mr. Tenney stated that AMWUA contracted with Cavanaugh & Associates (Cavanaugh), an expert in water loss control, at the request of member staffs to conduct an informational webcast on advancements in water loss control best management practices. Following the webcast, he said AMWUA surveyed its members and learned that the majority are interested in getting training and technical assistance on water loss control, if state funding can be secured. Mr. Tenney stated that AMWUA proposes applying for Phoenix AMA Water Management Assistance Program funding to do a Water Loss Technical Assistance Pilot effort for large water providers in the AMA. He said this process includes getting support from the Phoenix AMA Groundwater Users Advisory Council and approval from the ADWR Director. He said if support is given, AMWUA would

then receive funding through an IGA with ADWR and then AMWUA would scope, contract, and organize the program for interested members. Mr. Tenney reported that the AMWUA Management Board unanimously recommended that the AMWUA Board of Directors endorse an AMWUA proposal for funding for a technical training and assistance program through the WMAP and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an IGA with ADWR if funding is secured.

Upon a motion by Mayor Carlat and a second by Councilmember Turner, the AMWUA Board of Directors unanimously endorsed an AMWUA proposal for funding a technical training and assistance program through the WMAP and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an IGA with ADWR, if funding is secured.

C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Tenney introduced Patrick Adams, AMWUA's new water policy analyst.

D. Future Agenda Items

There were no requests for future agenda items.

E. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Councilmember Turner and a second by Councilmember Thompson, Mayor Lane unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.