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**ARIZONA MUNICIPAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

**This meeting will be held as a Hybrid meeting.
Attendance in person is welcomed; Others may join via Zoom.**

Access this [Link](#) to join via Zoom. Meeting ID: 881 5127 6996
(Option to join by phone: 602-753-0140, same Meeting ID as above)

A. Call to Order

B. General Business—Items for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of the Minutes from the August 10, 2022 Meeting
2. Schedule Next Meeting Date: October 12, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
3. Colorado River Shortage and Conditions for 2023

C. Member Reports

D. Executive Director's Report

E. Future Agenda Items

F. Adjournment

*The order of the agenda may be altered or changed by the AMWUA Management Board. Members of the AMWUA Management Board may attend in person or by internet conferencing.

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Arizona Municipal Water Users Association

MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2022

HYBRID MEETING

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Cape Powers, Peoria, Chair
Tara Ford, Tempe, Vice Chair
Kirk Beaty, Avondale
Brian Biesemeyer, Scottsdale
Chris Hassert, Mesa
Craig Johnson, Glendale
John Knudson, Chandler
Jessica Marlow, Gilbert
Karen Peters, Phoenix
Javier Setovich, Goodyear

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick J. Adams, AMWUA	Sam Draper, AMWUA	Marisa Manheim, ASU
Erin Andres, Phoenix	Paulette Fenderson, Phoenix	Jenna Norris, Peoria
Anthony Beckham, SRP	Kathy Ferris, AMWUA	Diana Pina, AMWUA
Gretchen Baumgardner, Scottsdale	Brett Fleck, Peoria	Martin Stiles, CAP
Riggs Brown, Traversant Group	Jake Golden, Phoenix	Drew Swieczkowski, Glendale
Craig Caggiano, Tempe	Lisa Gray, CliftonLarsonAllen	Warren Tenney, AMWUA
Cynthia Campbell, Phoenix	Lauren Hixson, Gilbert	Sheri Trapp, AMWUA
Gregg Capps, Chandler	Simone Kjolsrud, Chandler	Stefan Walston, Gilbert
Ray Diaz, Goodyear	Jacob Perez Laurent, AMWUA	Adam Wiechman, ASU
Brian Draper, Mesa	Kathy Macdonald, Mesa	

A. Call to Order

Mr. Powers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. General Business – Items for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 8, 2022 Meeting

Upon a motion made by Mr. Biesemeyer and a second from Mr. Setovich, the AMWUA Management Board unanimously approved of the May 11th meeting minutes pending one clarifying correction.

2. [Schedule Next Meeting Date: September 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.](#)

3. [Colorado River Update](#)

Mr. Tenney reported that the conditions on the Colorado River remain bleak, with both Lake Powell and Lake Mead at 27% full capacity. Next week, the Bureau of Reclamation will release the August 24-month Study, which will determine what shortage the River will be in starting in 2023; however, Reclamation has requested an additional reduction of 2 – 4 MAF in Colorado River demand needed for 2023. Negotiations continue for all the Basin States to develop a plan by the deadline of August 15th, though it remains uncertain what that plan will be. The Inflation Reduction Act passed by Congress included \$4 billion for shortage, which may provide the funding for agricultural interests along the River. It remains unclear what actions Reclamation will take after the release of the study, which provides extra challenges for municipalities to prepare. Without strong actions from the federal government, the hydrology suggests the River would be headed for disaster. In addition to the shortage, Reclamation is seeking input about the 2026 reconsultation process, and comments are due September 1st. ADWR and CAP intend to submit statewide comments and the municipal sector is interested in conveying the importance of municipal needs within the reconsultation.

Sheri Trapp, Communications Manager, reported that the Colorado River Shortage Awareness Campaign remains relevant and is still being used by member municipalities; however, the amount of uncertainty currently surrounding the Colorado River prompted AMWUA to create updated messaging. These messages can then be adjusted when there is information provided by the August 24-month study and Reclamation's additional reduction measures. In addition, these messages promote direct conservation actions that can be achieved by customers. Ms. Trapp then reviewed the updated messages built from the Shortage Awareness Campaign.

Mr. Biesemeyer commented that one of the concerns is that the media and customers may be confused if the federal government does not define future actions they will take toward shortage. He asked if there was any response that could be used by municipal members if there are no clear answers from Reclamation. Ms. Trapp responded that those messages may be answered and adapted by the upcoming AMWUA blog that will explain the new shortage declaration. Mr. Tenney noted the importance of working with each other to communicate the impact toward municipalities.

4. [Overview of Water Conservation](#)

Sam Draper, Conservation & Efficiency Manager, gave an overview of past conservation efforts in Arizona and the current conservation actions being done by AMWUA and all of its members. Ms. Draper then reported on the possible enhancements that could be made to members' conservation programs including support and expand conservation staff teams; encourage inter-department cooperation within the city; leverage the existing resources created; quantify conservation efforts; and prioritize reducing consumptive use. Mr. Tenney added that with less Colorado River water in our future, conservation will become an even more important tool for demand management, and for members to consider how to encourage even more integration of your conservation teams within your city.

Mr. Biesemeyer commented that additional focus on what more can be done in conservation would be beneficial to the AMWUA Board of Directors. Mr. Tenney added that emphasis will be placed on

the actions needed by the city to enhance conservation efforts. Mr. Powers added that the entire city should feel empowered to provide city-wide solutions to the shortage, as well as the benefits of software enhancements for quantifying water savings.

Ms. Marlow commented that with the rise in water rates, high water users have begun to engage with conservation staff and it provides an opportunity for large water savings.

5. [AMWUA Fiscal Year 2022 Quarterly Financial Statements – Fourth Quarter](#)

Mr. Tenney reported that the fourth quarter financial report for last fiscal year shows that AMWUA's expenses were \$77,258 under budget. There was a projected \$45,000 carry-over for the FY23 budget but since the actual carry-over ended up being approximately \$30,000 more, member due assessments were adjusted for this fiscal year.

Upon a motion made from Ms. Peters and a second from Mr. Biesemeyer, the AMWUA Management Board recommended to the AMWUA Board of Directors acceptance of the AMWUA quarterly financial statements for the fourth quarter as presented.

C. Member Reports

Mr. Setovich announced that the City of Goodyear has opened its new City Hall building at the beginning of the month.

Mr. Biesemeyer reported that the Arizona Water Reuse Symposium had occurred in July with a big topic surrounding Direct Potable Reuse. He encouraged members to stay involved with the State as they develop regulations around DPR.

Ms. Peters stated that the City of Phoenix Mayor and City Council are in support of Direct Potable Reuse projects and on how best to maximize reuse efforts over the next several years.

D. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Tenney reported that ADEQ is putting together a Technical Advisory Group to help guide the development of the new Direct Potable Reuse regulatory framework. ADEQ is asking interested individuals to apply by Friday, August 12, 2022. He encouraged members to consider applying or volunteering staff that would be well-suited to join this Technical Advisory Group.

Mr. Tenney reported that AMWUA will be providing written comments on the formal hearing for the Phoenix AMA's 5MP this afternoon. AMWUA has remained actively engaged with ADWR over this two-year process, including attending every municipal subgroup meeting.

Mr. Tenney then reported on the details surrounding the recently passed WIFA legislation. AMWUA acknowledges that WIFA will require a strong Board of Directors with municipal representation. The Board will be comprised of 9 members, one state-wide representative and 8 representatives from the state counties. Maricopa County has the potential to have up to three members and there is a target to have the Board selected by September 24th.

E. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items at this time.

F. Adjournment

Mr. Powers adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

MANAGEMENT BOARD
INFORMATION SUMMARY
September 14, 2022

Colorado River Shortage and Conditions for 2023

ANNUAL PLAN REFERENCE

Colorado River Management & Shortage Preparation

Assist, monitor and coordinate on the impacts of shortage declarations on the Colorado River along with the Reconsultation of the 2007 Colorado River Interim Guidelines to ensure our members' interests are forefront.

- Ongoing Coordination – Pursue opportunities to assist and synchronize continuing preparation efforts such as identifying ways to strengthen members' drought (shortage) preparedness plans.
- Risks – Analyze long-term risks of shortages to our members
Strategic Plan: Facilitate our Strength in Numbers, Collaborate and Advocate for Solutions, Safeguard Water Supplies, Prepare for Impacts of Drought & Shortage, Minimize Financial Impacts

SUMMARY

AMWUA staff will give an update regarding current Colorado River conditions and the Tier 2 Shortage declaration for 2023. However, it is uncertain how much Colorado River water the cities will eventually receive in 2023 since Reclamation has said additional reductions are needed but have provided no specificity nor the Colorado River Basin States have developed a plan for reducing demand. We will also review recent efforts to protect the River and discuss what actions might be taken for future efforts. AMWUA staff also continues to update messaging to reflect this current uncertain situation with the Colorado River shortage.

RECOMMENDATION

The AMWUA Management Board is requested to ask questions and discuss the Colorado River shortage.