

PORA Water Committees May 17, 2012 at 9:00 AM

Attendee: Merlyn Carlson Chairman, David Hunter, Briarwood Golf Course, Tom Cook, Chuck Long, James West, Howard Jones, and Frank Wyers EPCOR.

- 1. Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM**
- 2. Minutes of April 19, 2012 were approved.**
- 3. Reports:**

David Hunter Briarwood Golf Course: This month we are doing an audit of all the sprinkler heads. Making sure the sprinklers are watering effectively.

Frank Wyers EPCOR: Was brought up to date with the problem that several residents are having with excessive water bills, going back to normal billing amounts the following months. As EPCOR's Meter Services Supervisor Frank gave some background along with different water meter issues he has experienced in the Phoenix area.

Updates:

- All current employees of EPCOR Water were with AZ American Water, with the exception of the area President and Vice President.
- EPCOR is experiencing billing problems at present and is working to get that corrected as soon as possible.
- EPCOR is still in process of changing out the meters. This will be an ongoing project for a while.

Q: James West: The water line insurance company is part of the water company? Is it a true insurance or a scam?

A: Frank: I will look into the water line protection policy and get back to you.

Committee Reports:

3. Old Business

Howard Jones and Tom Cook: Both expressed concern regarding Arizona future water needs, with the decreased rainfall in the southwest region of the US these past few years. The Colorado River water may become more and more important to all the seven states along the river. The Colorado River Compact agreement goes back to 1922, and has always been controversial. The agreement allocated water to each of the seven states that border the river, the upper basin states (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah & Wyoming) and lower basin states (Nevada, Arizona & California). The specified allotments were disputed by Arizona until the 1963 US Supreme Court decision in *Arizona v. California*. The agreement ended many years of dispute, clearing the way for the Central Az. Project (CAP), authorized by Congress in 1968.

4. New Business none

5. Adjournment at 10:12 am.

Next Meeting: September 20th, 2012