

**PORA Water Committees**  
**Minutes–January 17, 2013 @ 9:00**

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson/ Chairman, David Hunter/ Briarwood Golf Course, Tom Cook, James West, Howard Jones, and Mel Huntspon/ EPCOR

1. Introduction/ Welcome
2. Minutes of **November 15, 2012**, were approved.

3. Reports:

**Mel Huntspon EPCOR:** Gave out SCW meter routes map showing those already replaced with the new AMR meters and the 2013 AMR Route to continue the meter replacements this year. The old manual meters are being systematically replaced by the new AMR meters, oldest meters first. The older meters are 20 to 25 years old. The meter replacement will be an ongoing project. EPCOR standard is to replace meters every 15 years. The new meters will be much more accurate. We have a program where we periodically update and replace equipment. In Sun City West we have several wells that need to be replaced at this time. This is a normal ongoing program of maintaining our infrastructure.

**Q: Merlyn Carlson:** Sun City West is planning on putting up an attractive sign by the intersection of El Mirage and Bell Road. MCDOT will be adding a right turn line at that intersection soon, and EPCOR will be moving their wall and reposition some of their equipment. Sun City West is planning on building the new block/brick sign with a small planter area like Corte Bella's main entrance. My question is could EPCOR run the water line to the sign and supply the small amount of water to the few plants?

**A: Mel Huntspon:** indicated he would check on availability of water and electricity.

**SCW Rec Centers: None**

**Briarwood Golf course:** Last year we were just under our water allotment. So far this year we have had thirteen days of frost delay times on the golf course.

4. Old Business

**Tom Cook:** The big story in the newspaper this past week about the large coal fire plant in northern Az. that supplies power to the CAP (Central AZ Project), SRP and others. If the coal plant is shut down by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), it will have a direct effect on increasing the cost of our water and power bills.

**Howard Jones:** On the other side of the coin, the coal fire power plant has been desecrating our natural resources for years. It is time they take some steps in mitigating

some of their polluting. They have done as little as they could for years and years. The coal companies have still not come up to the standards available.

**Tom Cook:** There seems to be two sets of standards, one that the EPA has and the other the coal plants have.

**Merlyn Carlson:** The EPA will have a new director named soon; Lisa Jackson has just resigned.

#### 5. New Business

**Merlyn Carlson:** We talked about the sign at the Bell Rd. & El Mirage intersection. Mel (EPCOR) will get back with that information next time.

**Tom Cook:** I live at the Heritage Tradition which has 300 residents. It is a large operation; I will be helping the general manager out by doing a normal usage study.

#### 6. Adjournment at 10:00am.

Next Meeting: **Thursday February 21st. at 9:30am.**

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