

PORA Water Committees
Minutes February 21, 2013 @ 9:30
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Attendees: Merlyn Carlson/Chairman, Mike Whiting/Rec Center, Shawn Bradford/EPCOR, David Hunter/Briarwood Golf Course, Howard Johnson, James West, Tom Cook.

1. Introduction/ Welcome
2. Minutes of **January 17, 2013**, were approved

3. Current Updates:

Shawn Bradford EPCOR: We will be replacing the broken butterfly valves throughout Sun City West area with the better gate valves. Epcor will also be actively replacing the mainline butterfly valves with gate valves. This will be going on for several years as part of our replacement program.

Mike Whiting Rec Center: Regarding getting water to the proposed sign at the intersection of El Mirage Rd and Bell Road, the Rec Centers have some water systems right along that channel. I will look into helping get water to the new sign. The final decision will have to be made by the Rec Board.

David Hunter Briarwood Golf course: So far this year we have been running even with our water allotment. Golf course is in good shape.

Committee:

Howard Jones: Low snowfall is predicted in Colorado and Utah, which could affect the CAP water to Arizona. Both states have had low snowfall for the past few years.

David Hunter: Briarwood has a plan in place for drought, should we need it. The Rec Center also has plans for drought.

Tom Cook: Denver is running short of water and is talking about putting a pipeline from the mountains west to Denver.

Howard Jones: Denver has never taken the full allotment of Colorado River water that they are entitled to. If they should start it would impact the amount of water going down the river to the other six states.

If the EPA put clean air restrictions to the coal plant in northern AZ it could drive up the cost of electric power. The coal power plant brings the CAP water to the valley with electric pumps.

Q: Mr. Fox: How is the water pressure in Sun City West?

A: Shawn Bradford: We have a requirement with the state to maintain 20 PSI. EPCOR does not want to fall below 40 PSI. We have 2 water campuses in SCW that have 5 wells. We monitor pressure readings every 3minutes.

Howard Jones: Del Webb bought industrial water rights for SCW, good for 20yrs. As the 20 years came close, Mike Whiting and the Rec Center board went out and bought

water rights for 2.2 million dollars for SCW golf courses. The water rights came with more than SCW Rec Centers needed, and leased some to Briarwood golf course.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Adjournment 10:25 AM

Next Meeting: **Thursday March 21st. 9:30am.**

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