

PORA Water Committees May 16, 2013 Minutes @ 9:30

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson Chairman, Todd Patty/Rec Center, Shaun Bradford/EPCOR, David Hunter/Briarwood, Howard Jones, James West, Tom Cook, J.B Wyckoff, Duane Robinson.

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| 1. Introduction/ Welcome | Merlyn Carlson |
| 2. Minutes of April 18, 2013 , were approved as written | Merlyn Carlson |

3. Current Updates:

Shaun Bradford EPCOR: as the weather warms up demand on water increases.

- Epcor will be doing some improvements to the northwest valley waste water station; this will in no way interfere with service.
- We are developing a five-year capital improvement plan, along with a five-year operating plan.
- We have an arsenic treatment facility at Sun City West plant one. We treat all SCW ground water for arsenic. This is regulated by US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is the national standard. We will be doing some modifications to this facility, but again with no impact on the customer.
- I will be speaking to the Engineers Club of the West Valley at Briarwood Country Club on June 7th at 11:30 to 1:00.

Todd Patty Rec Center:

- We have been inspecting all our lake fill valves for leakage, and we are repairing them as needed.
- I'm currently updating the water conservation drought management plan. I hope to have that completed September 1st.

Q: Duane Robinson: would having less grass help with water conservation?

A: Todd Patty: We are always working to save water on the golf courses by changing the irrigation schedule. New and more efficient sprinkler heads, along with changing the golf course out-of- play areas to desert landscape.

Q: James West: I sent you a picture of six maintenance workers planting the flowers at Palm Ridge Rec Center. That looked like a lot of workers.

A: Todd Patty: That is when we change out the flowers bed from winter to summer flowers at Palm Ridge. When we change out the flowers on RH Johnson we had all 14 maintenance workers. We can get the flowers changed out in about 20 minutes that way. After that there is no maintenance needed till we change out to winter flowers in October.

David Hunter Briarwood:

- We are ahead of our water allotment for now. We had an APS power outage last Saturday which affected our ability to pump water.

- We are continually updating our water conservation plan in the spirit of water stewardship.

4. Old Business

Howard Jones: Gave everyone copy of the article in the June 2013 Phoenix Magazine “Trading Water, Development in Arizona is on the rebound, Who’s going to keep the water flowing? And at what cost?” To read and discuss at the next meeting in Sept.

5. New Business

6. Adjournment 9:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday September 19, 2013 @ 9:30**