

## **PORA Water Committees September 2, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m. Minutes**

**Attendees:** Merlyn Carlson/Chairman, Todd Patty/ Rec Centers, David Hunter/Briarwood Golf Course, J.B. Wyckoff, Duane Robinson, James West, Howard Jones, and Tom Cook.

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| 1. Introduction/ Welcome                         | Merlyn Carlson |
| 2. Minutes of <b>May 6, 2014</b> , were approved | Merlyn Carlson |

### 3. Current Updates:

#### **Todd Patty Rec Centers:**

- We have used 2759 acre feet of water for all seven golf courses so far this year. This is down from last year by 189 acre feet, which puts us 214 acre feet below our budget.
- We received 3.62 inches of rain this year, compared to 2.52 last year. The extra rainfall in the summer, along with all the water-saving lakeshore projects, have really helped.
- We are finishing up a lakeshore project at Pebblebrook and have several other water-saving projects planned for summers of 2015 and 2016.
- The cost of water is about \$16,000 a year for all seven courses. The added expense is electrical cost to pump the water.

**Q: Tom Cook:** Golf courses use water from our wells, but do we use EPCOR water for restrooms, drinking fountains, clubhouse?

**A: Todd Patty:** Yes, each one has its own meter.

**C: Allan Harsa:** Thanks to you and your staff on the way the golf courses are maintained in Sun City West. Several people have purchased homes in Sun City West for the golf courses alone.

#### **David Hunter Briarwood Golf Course:**

- Briarwood has one water well for our golf course. In August we received 2.25 inches of rain. That put us ahead about 15 acre feet on our water allowance.
- We continue to monitor our water use, sprinklers efficiency.
- With the August rain our biggest problem is keeping the grass cut.

#### **Bill Hansen, PORA President:**

Mr. Hansen updated the meeting on the EPCOR wastewater issue brought before the Arizona Corporation Commission by the Agua Fria Wastewater Districts communities. The three scenarios the ACC will decide on and the impact it might have of the Sun City West Wastewater District was discussed:

1. Full consolidation
2. Further deconsolidation of Agua Fria Wastewater District.
3. Re-consolidation of Agua Fria/Anthem Wastewater Districts

The ACC should make their decision on this issue by December.

**Howard Jones:** I think we should reach out to residents through the media in some way with this information. Put concise information in the local papers. I would suggest we add what people might say to ACC, and include the commissioners' email address. Make it easy for residents to read, understand and respond.

**Tom Cook:** I have been working on an article to inform residents about water issues in Sun City West. I will need some questions answered to finish the article. The following question I would like EPCOR to answer:

- How the water pumps in a power grid failure? What backup systems?
- How long will they run if we have a massive power outage? Days, a week, a month?
- Fuel needed to run the pumps and maintenance of backup equipment.
- Ground water recharging.

Along with those questions to EPCOR I will need some help with information from the committee.

- Central Arizona Project (CAP) water allotment from the Colorado River.
- Ground water and recharging

This information will inform and benefit the community.

**Merlyn Carlson:** Maybe Howard Jones, Todd Patty, and Dave Hunter will help Tom with this project.

4. Adjournment 10:42 A.M.

Next Meeting: **October 7, 2014 at 9:30 A.M.**

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