

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES AND
2006 FINANCIAL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

June 7, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Adam Bliven	Sheila Bowen	John Carlson
Steve Halverson	Armando Membriola	Mark Stratton
Ann Marie Wolf	Michael Gritzuk	

Committee Members Absent:

John Carhuff	Brad DeSpain	Rob Kulakofsky
Les Wolf		

Staff Present:

Paul Bennett	Mike Bunch	Ed Curley
Laura Fairbanks	Suzy Hunt	Jackson Jenkins
Michael Kostrzewski	Steven Melendez	Jeff Nichols
Karen Ramage	Lorraine Simon	

Other County Staff Present:

John Bernal, County Administration	Pat Cavanaugh Executive Aide District 1	Charles Wesselhoft, County Attorney's Office
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- I. CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Mark Stratton called the meeting of the Wastewater Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) to order at 8:34 P.M.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Stratton informed Committee members that staff has been notified that Committee member, Mr. Bill Thornton, had passed away. Mr. Thornton represented Supervisor Ray Carroll on the Committee. The Department will request that Mr. Carroll appoint a new WMAC member.

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The Committee approved the minutes of the May 18, 2006 meeting.

III. DISCUSSION.

A. Old Items/Updates.

1. **2006 Financial Plan.** Mr. Stratton reminded the Committee members that they had just heard a presentation of the Department's 2006 Financial Plan from Department staff, and received comments from the public.

A motion was made and seconded for discussion purposes to recommend approval of the 2006 Financial Plan's proposed series of four 6% rate increases to connection fees and four 10% rate increases to user fees over the next two years and the proposed changes to the User Fee and Connection Fee Ordinances to the Board of Supervisors.

A substitute motion was made and seconded that the Committee recommend approval of a series of two 12% connection fee increases on a 12 month interval.

The Committee voted: YES – 5, NO – 2.

An amendment to the motion was made and seconded that the Committee recommend that Department staff be directed to investigate the possibility of the development of a program to assist low income residents with the impact of the increased user fees.

The Committee voted: YES – 7, NO – 0.

The Committee then acted upon the portion of the initial motion recommending approval of the series of four 10% rate increases over the next two years to user fees and the proposed modifications to the User Fee and Connection Fee Ordinances.

The Committee voted: YES – 7, NO – 0.

B. New Items.

1. Summer Meeting Schedule. The Committee decided to cancel the next scheduled WMAC meeting on June 15, 2006, and hold the next regular Committee meeting on July 20, 2006. At the July Committee meeting, members will decide if they want to hold a meeting in August 2006.

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. 2006 Financial Plan Update; FY2006-07 Budget; Six Sigma Program Update; Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors; Skill-Based Pay Program; State Legislative Update; Treatment Update for Outlying Facilities; Ina Road Facility Tour; Wastewater Management Strategic Plan; a Tucson Water Assured Water Supply Presentation; Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers, CIP Update, Regional Discussions on Water/Wastewater Issues, Regional Optimization Study; and Odor Control Study Update.

V. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE. There being no response from the audience, Mr. Stratton adjourned the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.