



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Water Utilities Community Facilities District

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Tuesday, January 17, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Schroeder, Boardmember Cross, Boardmember Heck, Boardmember Johnson, Boardmember Nesser, and Boardmember Soller

Staff in attendance

Bryant Powell, District Manager

Matt Busby, Assistant District Manager

Jennifer Pena, District Clerk

Joel Stern, District Legal Counsel

Mike Loggins, District Director

Charles Briggs, Water District Project Manager

Stacy Ramirez, Utility Billing Supervisor

Leslie DeReche, District Treasurer

Connie Chow, District Controller

Evie McKinney, Deputy District Clerk

Al Bravo, Public Information Officer

C. Agenda Items

1. [22-814](#) Approval of the meeting minutes of November 15, 2022.

Boardmember Heck made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 15, 2022. Vice Chairperson Schroeder seconded the motion.

D. District Manager Report

No report.

E. District Director Report

2. [23-014](#) Presentation, discussion, and update on district wide Water System.

District Director Loggins welcomed the new members of the board.

Mr. Loggins presented an update on Central Arizona Project (CAP) water. The District has placed its order for 2024's water supply. There will be no reductions or restrictions in Municipal and Industrial Water or the Gila Indian lease water next year. There will be a 25% reduction in

Non-Indian Agricultural Water. Even with the reductions, the District has more than enough water to supply its customers.

Superstition Vistas subdivision update: The first subdivision is complete including sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and asphalt. Waterlines have been installed in about six or seven subdivisions. A well was drilled and is producing roughly 2,000 gallons per minute and is one of the largest producing wells in the District. Installation of large diameter water mains has started on Ironwood Road.

Mr. Loggins showed a video of the new Water Campus 3. He explained how the water would come into the tank and be pumped out and distributed to our customers. The tank construction is about 50% complete. An electrical building is being constructed on this site as well. Forced sewer mains are being installed next to the Water Campus across Ironwood Road along the flood channel. The installation of the sewer mains is about 50% complete.

At Ray Road and Ironwood Drive, underground infrastructure including water, sewer, electric, gas and communication have been installed across Ironwood Drive. Lane closures are in place to accommodate the construction. On Ironwood Drive, water main transmission and distribution lines are being installed. The installation of the 30" transmission line should be complete in May 2023 and the 24" distribution line should be completed in June or July 2023. The work on Ironwood will take approximately 18 months to complete.

The developer is expecting model homes to be constructed by the end of February 2023, and is anticipating to have homes available for sale by June 2023.

Boardmember Heck asked a question about the 25% reduction in water. He asked if CAP looks at the amount not currently being used in their decision to restrict water. Mr. Loggins explained he did not feel they could do that and at this time any reductions cities have been making are voluntary. California is currently not making any reductions and he feels that at some point the federal government could step in and make it mandatory. He explained that in the next year CAP is working on a program that when the water that has been ordered is not utilized, it will be purchased back assisting with water conservation.

Mr. Loggins noted, for the new board members some future updates which include the raising of the dam on the Verde River, the interconnect between CAP and SRP, and other large projects happening in Arizona.

District Manager Bryant Powell thanked Arizona Water Company and everyone included in the One Water Our Water program for their hard work getting the information out to the public.

Mr. Powell inquired on the water issues currently happening in Rio Verde, Arizona. Mr. Loggins explained that the area was not platted as a subdivision and did not have to get a 100-year assured water supply when the homes were built. The City of Scottsdale was providing access to water via a water standpipe used by hauling services. Two years ago, Scottsdale decided

that due to the restrictions with CAP, all water supplies outside city limits would be cut off. Rio Verde was informed at that time that they had two years to come up with another water source to supply them with water. Rio Verde has been working these last two years to come up with a plan. On January 1, 2023, the City of Scottsdale shut down the standpipe. After the first of the year, the Apache Junction Water District has had a few customers from Rio Verde sign up for service. Mr. Loggins stated this is a perfect example of why the Department of Water Resources has rules and policies, which need to be put into place to ensure this does not happen in our community.

3. [23-015](#) Presentation, discussion and update from Arizona Water Company on One Water-Our Water Initiative.

Raluca Mihalcescu, Water Conservation Coordinator; Fred Schneider, President; and Terri Sue Rossi, Vice-President of Water Resources from Arizona Water Company joined the meeting for a presentation on the One Water-Our Water Joint Demand Management Partnership between the City of Apache Junction, Apache Junction Water District and Arizona Water Company. The presentation was an overview of the Demand Management program for water conservation, which focuses not only on the end user, but also includes the water utility companies in the City of Apache Junction.

F. District Treasurer Report

No report.

G. Adjournment

Chairperson Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023, BY THE CHAIR
PERSON AND DISTRICT BOARD OF THE WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES
DISTRICT, (CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA).

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PENA
District Clerk

WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT MINUTES
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Water Utilities Community Facilities District of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, held on the _____ day of _____, _____.
I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

JENNIFER PENA
District Clerk