



# City of Apache Junction, Arizona

## Meeting Minutes Water Utilities Community Facilities District

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*Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.*

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### A. Call to Order

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

### B. Roll Call

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

Staff in attendance:

Bryant Powell, District Manager  
Matt Busby, Assistant District Manager  
Yvette McKinney, Interim District Clerk  
Joel Stern, District Legal Counsel  
Mike Loggins, District Director  
Charles Briggs, Water District Project Manager  
Stacy Ramirez, District Billing Supervisor  
Angelie Hawley, District Treasurer  
Connie Chow, District Controller  
Kayla Fulmer, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Eli Richardson, Management Analyst  
Robert Wisler, Management Analyst

### C. Agenda Items

1. [25-007](#) Approval of minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting.

Boardmember Cross made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of the November 19, 2024, meeting. Boardmember Nesser seconded the motion.

### D. District Manager Report

No report.

### E. District Director Report

2. [25-008](#) Presentation and discussion of backwash tank recoating at Well 6 Arsenic Treatment Facility and Superstition Area Water Plant.

District Director Mike Loggins presented an update on the backwash tank recoating at Well 6 Arsenic Treatment Facility and Superstition Area Water Plant. The tank at Well 6 is approximately 20 years old and after years of use, sludge builds up in the bottom and over time

the coating on the tank wears out. In addition to the tank coating, a beam needed to be replaced. At the Superstition Area Water Plant, expansion is currently going on and changes need to be made to the tank. While this expansion work is being completed, the District decided to recoat the exterior and interior to the tank. The coatings last approximately 7-10 years.

3. [25-009](#) Presentation, discussion and update on District wide water system.

Mr. Loggins presented an update on the Salt River Project (SRP) and Central Arizona Project (CAP) Interconnect Facility (SCIF). At a meeting with Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton, SRP General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Jim Pratt, and Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board President Terry Goddard, an announcement was made by the Bureau of Reclamation that they will be funding \$154 million of the project. Mr. Loggins stated he was unsure what would happen to the money that has already been collected for the project and there will be meetings to discuss how this would affect the overall budget.

4. [25-025](#) Discussion with Fire Chief John Whitney regarding Water Availability and Firefighting Preparedness.

Mr. Loggins presented information regarding water availability and firefighting preparedness in the city of Apache Junction. Mr. Loggins explained the basics of how water systems are designed based on average day demands. This is calculated by multiplying the average person's usage per day, the number of homes and how many people live in the home. Max day demands are calculated, with items including things like irrigation systems, pools, etc. Then peak hour demands are calculated; these hours tend to be between 6:00-8:00 a.m. when people are getting ready for school and work and between 5:00-6:00 p.m. when people are getting home from work. Fire flows are then added to this, including how much production and how much water storage is needed in case of a fire. Storage is then based off whichever is higher, max day demand plus fire-flow or peak hour demand.

Mr. Loggins introduced Fire Chief John Whitney from Superstition Fire and Medical District and Vice President Engineering Andy Haas from Arizona Water Company who provided additional information and answered questions from the Board.

Boardmember Johnson asked about new construction requirements. Mr. Loggins and Mr. Haas explained that there are requirements before development and construction begins to ensure there is enough pressure and flow.

Boardmember Soller asked where the city is at with fire preparedness and what can be done to ensure fires like in California do not occur. Fire Chief Whitney explained that the fires in California were very complex. The Fire District continues to take proactive steps, including meeting with homeowners' associations and community members and discussing wildfire preparedness. At such meetings emphasis is given to the importance of ensuring areas around homes and communities are clear of potential fuel sources.

Boardmember Cross asked about the lack of fire hydrants, especially in the rural areas. Fire Chief Whitney explained that the Fire District has standard operating guidelines that address scenarios like this. If a fire occurs in a rural area, the Fire District already knows what areas do

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not have fire hydrants and will require a tender shuttle to assist with water supply.

District Legal Counsel Joel Stern inquired of Chief Whitney if the Fire District followed the International Fire Code, and if fire hydrants were required to be tested and if the testing included pressure testing. Chief Whitney confirmed testing is required annually. If pressure is low, the water provider would be notified. If the Fire District were to run into an issue while fighting a fire, they connect a truck to the hydrant to get the supply of water and a second truck pumps it to pressurize the water. If the volume of water is adequate, by doing this they can satisfy the pressure issue.

Boardmember Heck asked Chief Whitney to let his employees know the city and boardmembers appreciate their professionalism and to thank them for the job they do to protect the city.

**F. District Treasurer Report**

No report.

**G. Adjournment**

Chairperson Wilson adjourned the special meeting at 6:56 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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WALTER "CHIP" WILSON  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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EVIE MCKINNEY  
District Clerk