

## **PORA Water Committees Minutes**

**Thursday September 8, 2011**

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Attendees: Merlyn Carlson, Howard Jones, Tom Cook, Jim West, Duane Robinson, Todd Patty (Rec Centers), Mel Hunstpon (AZ American)

Meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Merlyn Carlson, Committee Chairman.

1. Welcome to Committee and Residents
2. Minutes of April 28, 2011: James West moved to approve, Duane Robinson seconded – minutes were approved as written.
3. Linda Munson was introduced; she will be taking the minutes for the Water meetings.
4. AZ-American Water – Mel Huntspon Operations Manager reported:
  - Merger with Epcor is moving along as scheduled, possible final decision by December.
  - No rate increases are scheduled with the merger.
  - Duane Robinson asked if there were any long term projects coming up in SCW. Mel said no long term projects were scheduled.
  - New meter technology allows the meter reader to drive down the street with a hand-held device that reads the meter signals; this should eliminate the chances of error. The meter lids will no longer need to be replaced with non-metallic lids to send the signal. New updated antenna technology we have just started to use can send a signal with the old lids, which will save the expense of new lids.
  - Mel also reported that water testing is mandated quarterly by Arizona Environmental Quality and Az. Dept. of Water Resources. They test the water as it comes out of the ground.
  - Tom Cook asked what pressure range is considered normal in SCW. Mel said normal range is from 50 to 70 PSI.
6. Todd Patty - SCW Rec Centers reported:

- We have used 80% of our annual allotment of water on the 7 golf courses to date. That puts us at 133 acre feet, which is over our water budget to date. SCW has 577 acre feet in our credit account with ADWR if we need it. We have built up the credits by being under allotment for several years.
- Rec Centers will be installing new sprinkler control valves (GS750) starting at Beardsley. This should help control water leaks when sprinklers & bubblers break.
- We will start over-seeding the golf courses on September 29th, depending on the weather.
- We are currently rehabbing the Deer Valley well.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business

- Tom Cook's HOA is planning to remove pine trees close to the water lines, to save water.

9. Comments from Public

Q - Chuck Long – Being gone this summer, we returning home to find our home irrigation system had broken. The bill reflected 185 thousand gal of water were used at that time. I have called Az. American Water office regarding this bill and I'm having trouble getting any questions answered.

Q - Ron Millett expressed a problem with excess high pressure problem.

Q – Peggy McGiffin had a concern regarding the excessive bill on her daughter's vacant home.

A – Mel asked for everyone's address and phone numbers he will investigate and get back will them.

10. Adjournment at 10:11 A.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 10, 2011