

PORA Water Committee Minutes March 15th @ 9:00am

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson, Committee, Mike Whiting Rec Centers, David Hunter, Briarwood Golf Course, J.B. Wyckoff, Howard Jones, Tom Cook, James West, Chuck Long.

1. Meeting called to order at 9:10am

2. Minutes of **Feb. 9, 2012** approved as corrected.

3. Report from **Shawn Bradford – AZ American/EPCOR:** None

4. Report from **Mike Whiting- SCW Rec Centers:**

With the lack of rain so far this year are ahead of our normal water use. The Desert Trails well is down at this time. The well was originally drilled in 1939 and is about 1200 feet deep. The shaft sections were impossible to get apart and will need to be replaced. The cost will be about \$65,000 to get it back working. We have replaced all but 2 irrigation pumping systems. It is remarkable that we can have 9 golf courses pumping water continually along with all the homes in our area using the same or more water from the wells and have the water remain at a stable level.

5. Report from **David Hunter, Briarwood Golf Course:**

We are having the same low rain issues as the Rec Centers. To save water we are doing more spot watering. Concentrating on watering areas that need it the most and a using a watering agent that helps the water soak into the ground faster.

5. Old Business:

Merlyn Carlson: The last few water meetings we have been hearing from SCW residents who have received extremely high water bills from AZ American Water, now EPCOR Water Company. The PORA Water committee is trying to act as a facilitator to help identify the problem, and hopefully help to get an agreeable conclusion. I asked Shawn Bradford with EPCOR Water to come up with a form for residents to fill out that might be helpful to identifying water problems. Howard Jones and Chuck Long and I will work together as a subcommittee. We will get the information in the PORA email newsletter, and report our findings at our next water meeting.

6. New Business: None

7. Adjournment at 10:00am

Next Meeting: **Date Thurs April 19th @ 9:00 AM**