

PORA Water Committees September 19, 2013 Minutes @ 9:30

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson Chairman, Todd Patty and Make Whiting /Rec Center, Mel Huntspon/EPCOR, David Hunter/Briarwood, Howard Jones, James West, Duane Robinson.

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| 1. Introduction/ Welcome | Merlyn Carlson |
| 2. Minutes of May 16, 2013 , were approved as written | Merlyn Carlson |

3. Current Updates:

Mel Huntspon EPCOR:

- We are almost finished replacing the old water meters with the new AMR meters for this year. SCW should be 100% AMR meters by 2016.
- The butterfly valve replacement program is ongoing.
- We are replacing the plastic ploy B pipes that are left in some parts of SCW with the more durable product.
- Maintenance on water/fire hydrants, and replacing the old ones as needed. All fire hydrants are checked once a year.

Todd Patty Rec Center:

Water usage for all seven golf courses this year is 2949.43 acre feet of water 80 acre feet less than last year. Even with 2013 hotter average temp 95.1 and last year's average temp 94.9 we have done well. I think the irrigation upgrades, new pump stations, water smart programs, along with a lot of water management spot watering have all helped with the water savings.

David Hunter Briarwood:

We are very similar to the Rec Center; about a year ago we reworked our well and put in a new meter. We are under our allotment by about nine acre feet. New meter, sprinkler heads, and just more water management has definitely helped.

4. New Business:

Q:Howard Jones:

1. Can we change the monthly meetings and meet every other month?
2. Moving the monthly meetings from Thursday to Tuesday will help the Rec Center be able to attend.

A:Merlyn Carlson:

1. After discussion it was decided to take a look at Tuesdays in 2014 at the next meeting.
2. Go ahead to every other month for 2013. That leaves the next meeting November 21st no meetings in October or December 2013.

Q: James West: Will the flooding in Colorado help the Colorado River?

A: Howard Jones and Merlyn Carlson: No, most of the rain and flooding is on the wrong side of the mountains and will flow eventually to the Mississippi River, just a small amount will flow to the Colorado River.

5. Comments from Visitors:

Q: Sharon Service: I received a late payment charges on my EPCOR bill. I paid the bill on line electronically from my bank account. Then I received a threatening call four days after my payment was due. I called my bank to make sure the payment had gone out. It turns out EPCOR doesn't take electronic payment.

A: Mel Hunspon EPCOR: I will check out this problem for you.

Q: Barry Hoke: When I moved in this community I noticed sprinklers watering at midday etc. My HOA was also over-watering in the green belt. Is there a way to put out watering tips out to the Sun City West community?

A: Merlyn Carlson: Could EPCOR put some water saving tips in the monthly billing?

A: Mel Hunspon EPCOR: We do have conservation information on our website. I will bring this up and see if we can add some water conservation tips with billing.

Q: Merlyn Carlson: Is EPCOR proposing a rate increases to the ACC? This will be a five year rate increase of 2% per year for a total of 10%? Do you have any news on that?

A: Mel Hunspon EPCOR: I will get back to you.

6. Adjournment 9:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday November 21, 2013 @ 9:30**

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