

NOTES FROM PORA WATER COMMITTEE MEETING OCT. 19, 2021

Discussion: Chairman welcomed committee members. He again noted that the PORA enews now has a link to a Water Page.

A few updated PowerPoint slides were shown and discussed. This PowerPoint is available for viewing at www.porascw.org/water. Items noted were the expansion of the city of Surprise to the NW of SCW; development along the SR 303 corridor, etc. There was emphasis placed on a report entitled "The Myth of Safe-Yield," authored by two experts from ASU's Kyl Center for Water Policy. It is highly recommended that this report be reviewed by everyone in SCW because of its emphasis on groundwater, the lifeline for Sun City West.

In the spring, the chairman will present **Episode III-Crisis**, from the PBS documentary "H2O, the Molecule that Made Us." This PORA presentation will show the water crisis approaching many parts of the world at a rapid pace.

Epcor's contractor for phone and billing services experienced a ransomware attack earlier in the year that still has some negative effects on their customer services. There is no affect on water or wastewater services in SCW.

4 overseeded golf courses opened today. The weather this year has been generally very good for overseeding efforts. Grandview golf course is beginning phase 1 of the irrigation system upgrade. Most of the work will be done in 2023. Staffing remains a critical issue with 36 employees not available today for work for various reasons. New hires are not to be found.

The price of rye grass seed for overseeding golf courses is has increased about 40% over last year and it is expected to remain high for next year. A study was made to determine the effect of turf removal around the perimeter of Grandview.

Additional discussion was concerned with the shortage of labor, goods (parts) and other services. Long delay times are very concerning for the Rec Centers and Epcor.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 16th at 9:30 am in the PORA office.