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**CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
OASIS WATER CAMPUS
7070 NORTHERN AVE.
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85303**

**OCTOBER 2, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ford called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Amber Ford, Vice Chair
Srikanth Grandhi, Commissioner
Dalaina Hand, Commissioner
Scott Scherer, Commissioner

Absent: Robin Berryhill, Chair
Dr. Kerry Duskin, Commissioner

Attendees: Ron Serio, P.E., Director, Water Services
Katrina Alberty, Deputy Director, Water Services
John Henny, Deputy Director, Water Services
Mark Roye, Deputy Director, Water Services
Megan Sheldon, Deputy Director, Water Services
Lisa Esquivel, Administrator Department Support Services, Water Services
Dan Hatch, Administrator Financial Programs, Water Services
Drew Swieczkowski, Water Resources Program Manager, Water Services
Michelle Woytenko, Director, Field Operations
Michael Carr, Deputy Director, Field Operations
Kimberly Mackert, Administrator Financial Programs, Field Operations
Amy Moreno, Superintendent Solid Waste Management, Field Operations
Anna Guerrero, Account Specialist, Field Operations
Nancy Magone, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 1, 2024 CITIZEN UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motioned by Commissioner Dalaina Hand, seconded by Commissioner Srikanth Grandhi to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting.

AYE: Vice Chair Amber Ford
Commissioner Srikanth Grandhi
Commissioner Dalaina Hand
Commissioner Scott Scherer

Passed

5. OPEN MEETING LAW AND ROBERTS RULES TRAINING

a. INFORMATION ABOUT OPEN MEETING LAW AND ROBERTS RULE

Ms. Mangone presented training on the rules for conducting commission meetings.

6. WATER RESOURCES UPDATE

a. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

Ms. Sheldon and Mr. Swieczkowski provided an update on the conditions for the Salt River Project and Colorado River systems. They also presented information on the post-2026 operations guidelines for the Colorado River and the approved water exchange with the City of Goodyear.

7. SOLID WASTE RATES

a. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SOLID WASTE RATE REVIEW

Mr. Carr and Ms. Moreno presented information on the Solid Waste rate review for residential and commercial accounts, as well as trends in diesel fuel and insurance costs.

8. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

a. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by Commissioner Srikanth Grandhi, seconded by Commissioner Scott Scherer to recommend Vice Chair Amber Ford as Chair for a one-year term beginning February 1, 2025.

AYE: Vice Chair Amber Ford
Commissioner Srikanth Grandhi
Commissioner Dalaina Hand
Commissioner Scott Scherer

Passed

Motioned by Vice Chair Amber Ford, seconded by Commissioner Srikanth Grandhi to recommend Commissioner Roger Scherer as Vice Chair for a one-year term beginning February 1, 2025.

AYE: Vice Chair Amber Ford
Commissioner Srikanth Grandhi
Commissioner Dalaina Hand
Commissioner Scott Scherer

Passed

9. STAFF UPDATES

- a. Mr. Serio provided an update on an enhanced meter reading structure and the hiring of a rate consultant to do a rate study. Ms. Woytenko provided an update regarding a solid waste residential driver who assisted a resident whose kitchen was on fire and was recognized by the Fire Chief, appointments can be scheduled now for household hazardous waste residential pick-up, and solid waste operators competed in the AZ Solid Waste Association of North America Road-E-O and earned placements in Compactor, Rear Loader, Bulldozer, and Loader. Jacob Garcia is representing Glendale in the national competition.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Future Agenda items for November 6, 2024:
 - 1. Water Services Financial Update
 - 2. Water Services CIP Project Status
 - 3. Solid Waste/Landfill Financial Update

12. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Citizens Utility Advisory Commission will be held on November 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Oasis Water Campus, 7070 W. Northern Ave., Glendale, Arizona, 85303.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Ford adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

The Citizens Utility Advisory Commission meeting minutes of October 2, 2024, were submitted and approved on this 13 day of November 2024.

Lisa Esquivel
Recording Secretary