



TOWN OF MARANA UTILITIES BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA

11555 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana, AZ 85653
Marana Municipal Center, Second Floor Board Room
April 2, 2025, at or after 3:00 p.m.

Heidi Lasham, Chair
Jeff Biggs, Vice Chair
Paul Martinez, Board Member
Ronson Chee, Board Member
Vacant, Board Member
Yiannis Kalaitzidis, Board Member
Erik Montague, Board Member

SUMMARY MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Heidi Lasham called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM and directed **Executive Assistant Florina Lopez** to call the roll. All Utilities Board members except for **Board Member Ronson Chee** were present, constituting a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by **Chairperson Lasham**.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Erik Monague moved to approve the agenda as presented, Vice Chair Jeff Biggs seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY MINUTES

Approval of December 2024, Summary Minutes (Heidi Lasham)

Vice Chair Biggs moved to approve the summary minutes as presented. Board Member Yiannis Kalaitzidis seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

PRESENTATION

Assistant Town Attorney David Udall gave a presentation on the Open Meeting Law, Parliamentary Procedures, Conflict of Interest Law, and Public Record Law. It covered key responsibilities of public officials, including open meetings, what counts as a quorum or gathering, disclosing conflicts, and handling public records. **Mr. Udall** also gave examples to help explain the laws.

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Udall informed the Board that the bylaws require the selection of a vice chair at the first Board meeting of the year. The Board was given the opportunity to vote for a new Vice Chair.

Board Member Yiannis Kalaitzidis moved to nominate Jeff Biggs as Vice Chair and Paul Martinez seconded the nomination Motion passed, 5-0

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT STATUS UPDATE

Water Department Overview (Heid Lasham)

Chairperson Lasham opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and providing a brief overview of the current organizational chart. She highlighted the recently filled positions within the Water Department and noted which roles are still vacant and in the process of being filled.

Water Quality Overview (JR Arvizu)

Chief Water Quality Operator JR Arvizu shared an update on the system's water quality, noting that there are currently around 12,100 active service connections. He discussed the ongoing Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory, provided a regulatory update on PFAS contaminants, and shared the steps being taken to maintain compliance and ensure safe drinking water.

Consumer Confidence Report & Interactive Map

Mr. Arvizu showed the upcoming Consumer Confidence Report and walked the board through the Town of Marana's interactive water map. He explained how this tool is used to share system information with the public and local schools as part of continued outreach and transparency.

Hardness Tables & PFAS Monitoring

The board was shown current water hardness tables and received an update on PFAS monitoring results. **Mr. Arvizu** explained where this information can be accessed on the website and outlined the compliance schedule.

Capital Improvement/SCADA Projects (Francis Hemmah)

Water Engineer Manager Francis Hemmah gave a comprehensive overview of current Capital Improvement Projects, including PFAS treatment initiatives and system upgrades. He

also provided updates on the new Marana Park Well, its progress toward activation, and the status of interconnects designed to improve system reliability.

Water Resources (Jerry Huerstel)

Water Resources Administrator Jerry Huerstel gave an overview of current water resources planning efforts. This included DAWS modification, renewable water resource acquisitions, and potential new supply opportunities through partnerships with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Cortaro-Marana Irrigation District. He also presented on the Recharge Basin Expansion Phase 2 and the Parker Davis Project.

Parker Davis Hydropower & Energy Planning

Mr. Huerstel was informed about an expected -17% reduction in Parker Davis hydropower allocations starting in 2028. Staff is currently working with WAPA, AEPCO, and Trico to better utilize the current allocation and maximize financial benefits. KR Saline is assisting with analyzing energy use, projecting future needs, and exploring strategy adjustments before and after the 2028 Desert Southwest Marketing Plan.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

At this time, any member of the public is allowed to address the Utilities Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Utilities Board, except for items scheduled for a Public Hearing at this meeting. The speaker may have up to three minutes to speak. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, at the conclusion of Call to the Public, individual members of the Board may respond to criticisms made by those who have addressed the Board and may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda. However, members of the Board shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following future agenda items were requested:

Board Member Montague requested an update on the Water Utility Rate Study for the next meeting scheduled for **October 2, 2025**. The request was made to understand the expected status of water rates to be finalized by that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Montague moved to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Biggs seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the Marana Utility Board meeting held on April 2, 2025. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Florina Lopez, Executive Assistant