

**CITY OF BUCKEYE  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
JANUARY 14, 2014**

**City Council Chambers  
530 E. Monroe Ave.  
Buckeye, AZ 85326  
3:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Meck called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Strauss, Councilmember Hess, Councilmember McAchran, Councilmember Heustis, Vice Mayor Orsborn and Mayor Meck.

Members Absent: Councilmember Garza.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, City Attorneys Scott Ruby and Rita McGuire, City Clerk Lucinda Aja, Assistant to Council Carol Conley, Human Resources Director Nancy Love, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Water Resources Director Dave Nigh and Hydrologist Ron Whitler, Finance Director Larry Price, and Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig.

**2. Water Resources 101**

**Staff Liaison: Dave Nigh, Water Resources Director  
District No. All**

Mr. Nigh introduced Mr. George Fletcher and Ms. Rita McGuire were in attendance for a presentation and discussion of the Assured Water Supply and available to answer Council's questions. Council was provided an overview of the Designation of an Assured Water Supply (DAWS) including cost reducing alternatives and future efforts. Water providers can secure a DAWS which is needed for subdividing within the five Active Management Areas (AMAs) in Arizona. Without a Designation, most of the City's water customers will continue to be dependent on the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR) which is expensive; the closest recharge facility is 17 minutes from the City of Buckeye. Buckeye's future available water could be in jeopardy of the City does not obtain a Designation of AWS. Buckeye's Designation and CAGR enrollment are pending.

Mr. Nigh presented Council an overview of City's projects currently in process. Council was provided updates on the WIFA projects including the waterline to Historic Buckeye, effluent water from Beloit treatment plant, Airport Well "B", and the Hopeville Water Acquisition. The MC-85 Waterline Extension is in work as well as the Wilson Road Drain Line with an estimated completion date of March 19, 2014. Water quality projects including extensive tests to evaluate treatment options and review of the water line installation from airport and Hopeville to also serve other areas were provided. The City is awaiting the NIA Water Application awards, and the Designation of Assured Water Supply application is under review.

City Water Attorney Rita McGuire provided Council with a water supply analysis and comparison of imported mainstream Colorado River water, CAP Project water, Roosevelt Irrigation District remediated water, Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR), and groundwater offsets. Included in the discussion were the pros and cons, cost per acre foot of operation, maintenance and repair, and additional charges.

Council discussed issues such as how different water consumers are charged, such as schools, and how and when to move forward.

**3. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember McAchran and seconded by Councilmember Hess to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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Jackie A. Meck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Council Workshop on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014. I further certify that a quorum was present.

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Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk