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# PLANNING COMMISSION

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Approved by Planning Commission on

Date of Meeting: February 18, 2009

The joint meeting of the City of Tucson Planning Commission and the Pima County Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Catherine Applegate Rex, Chair, on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the Public Works Building, Basement Conference Room, 201 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona. Those present and absent were:

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Catherine Applegate Rex, Chair	Member at Large, Ward 5
Rick Lavaty	Member at Large, Ward 1
Joseph Maher, Jr.	Member at Large, Ward 6
Mark Mayer	Member, Ward 5
Shannon McBride-Olson	Member, Ward 2
James E. Watson	Member, Ward 4
Daniel J. Williams	Member, Ward 1
Craig Wissler (arrived at 6:17 p.m.)	Member, Ward 3

Absent:

Brad Holland, Vice Chair	Member, Ward 6
William Podolsky	Member at Large, Ward 4
Thomas Sayler-Brown	Member, Mayor's Office

Staff Members Present:

Albert Elias, Urban Planning and Design, Director  
Nicole Gavin, Assistant to the City Manager  
Ramona Williams, Urban Planning and Design, Secretary  
Yolanda Lozano, City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by the entire assembly.

## 3. WATER & WASTEWATER STUDY PHASE I REPORT (STUDY SESSION)

Melaney Seacat, Project Coordinator, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department introduced her fellow staff members present at the meeting. She also introduced Nicole Gavin, her counterpart from the City of Tucson, as well as City staff members. She also acknowledged the Commissioners from both entities who were serving on the Water & Wastewater Oversight Committee for their hard work the past eleven months, attending twenty-three meetings and numerous presentations from staff and outside presenters. She said there was a tremendous amount of work that had gone into the report.

Ms. Seacat stated their presentation was going to be a synopsis of the executive summary. The executive summary was thirty pages which was rather long, but the report itself was several hundred pages and the appendices were over a thousand pages which was quite a big volume of work, it was an inventory and assessment of water resources and infrastructure from water, wastewater, and reclaimed water and an assessment of water resource supplies. She stated it was also an initial look at what some of the critical planning factors associated with planning for a sustainable water future were.

Ms. Seacat stated the conclusion of the public comment period ended this evening. She said they had an outpouring of public comments that came in at the end of the day and knew there were others struggling to get their comments in, so they were thinking about extending the deadline to noon on Friday, February 20, 2009. She said they would be compiling all the comments and emailing them to the Oversight Committee, as well as people on their extensive mailing list. She stated they would be meeting with the Oversight Committee to review all of the comments, decide on how the report would be changed, endorse recommendations, and update the final report which will be posted to the website with copies given and presented to the Mayor and Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors by mid March.

Ms. Seacat and Ms. Gavin gave their presentation as follows:

### Study Goal

- Define and develop a sustainable water future and a livable region

Ms. Seacat stated the study goal was a long range goal to take a look at a sustainable water future. It was a multi-phase, multi-year study. She said the Mayor and Council and the Board of Supervisors adopted a scope of work in April 2008, which looked at an incremental approach to actually moving towards defining what a sustainable water future and livable region would look like. She stated there was a long term goal to look evenly at the topic of sustainability and water resource planning, but there was also short term incremental goals.