



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, September 2, 2022

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities



City Council Events Schedule

August 30, 2022 thru October 22, 2022

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Tues - Fri	Aug 30 – Sept 2	All Day	2022 League Annual Conference Location: The Renaissance 9495 W. Coyotes Boulevard Glendale, AZ 85305
Wed	Sept 7	7:00 p.m.	McClintock Neighborhood Association Virtual Meeting Zoom Link: tempe.gov/NeighborhoodMeetings
Tues	Sept 13	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Optimist Park Improvements Meeting Location: Optimist Park Improvements Meeting Optimist Park, 2000 E. Sesame St. Tempe, AZ
Tues	Sept 13	6:00 p.m.	Victory Acres Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Community Center 2150 E. Orange St. Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sept 17	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Campbell Park Improvements Meeting Location: Campbell Park 9895 S. Beck Ave. Tempe, AZ
Fri	Sept 23	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Be a Good Neighbor Breakfast Location: Granite Reef Senior Center 1700 N Granite Reef Road Scottsdale, AZ
Sat	Sept 24	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr.'s 45 th Anniversary Celebration Septemberfest Location: First Institutional Baptist Church – FIBCO 1141 E. Jefferson Street Phoenix, AZ
Sat	Sept 24	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Tempe Artists Guild Artist Reception

			Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Ave Tempe, AZ
Thur	Oct 6	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Tempe Sister Cities – Mayor Leadership Roundtable Discussion Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Thur	Oct 6	5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Tempe Sister Cities 50 th Anniversary Gala Location: Double Tree Phoenix-Tempe 2100 S. Priest Drive Tempe, AZ
Fri	Oct 7	5:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.	Four Peaks Oktoberfest Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Tempe, AZ
Wed	Oct 12	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	39th Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards Location: SRP PERA Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 22	3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods Location: Various locations Tempe, AZ

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: September 2, 2022
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

Below are summaries of recent actions and announcements at the state and federal level:

- Federal Visit to Tempe, Kyrene Water Reclamation Facility
- Federal Visit to Tempe, MacroTechnology Works Tour and Roundtable
- League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference
- AMWUA Letter to the Department of Interior and Federal Delegation
- MAG Committee Representation
- Grant Opportunities

Please let me know if there are follow-up questions for Tempe's federal lobbyist. Also, please let me know if Tempe staff members are pursuing federal grants so we can arrange for letters of support from our Congressional delegation.

Federal Visit to Tempe, Kyrene Water Reclamation Facility

This week, Mayor Woods and Councilmembers Chin and Hodge were joined at the Kyrene Water Reclamation plant by Congressman Stanton and Assistant Secretary of the Army Connor to highlight the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) designation for the plant. The WRDA designation opens federal funding opportunities for the plant and WRDA includes \$37.5 million to expand and improve the City of Tempe's Kyrene Water Reclamation Facility and groundwater recharge facilities. Tweets are available [here](#) and [here](#). Earlier efforts on this designation were included in the 5/20/22 Weekly memo. Councilmember Chin represents Tempe on the Arizona Municipal Water Users Board.

Federal Visit to Tempe, MacroTechnology Works Tour and Roundtable

This week, Mayor Woods joined Senator Kelly, Congressman Stanton, Congressman O'Halleran, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Raimondo, Dr. Crow, Mayor Gallego, and industry leaders at the MacroTechnology Works facility at the ASU Research Park in Tempe. The event included a tour and a roundtable to discuss the passage of the CHIPS and Science Act and connections with workforce readiness and the semiconductor industry. Tweets are available [here](#) and [here](#). Passage of the CHIPS and Science Act and a support letter signed by Mayor Woods were included in the 7/29/22 Weekly memo.

League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference was held this week and was attended by members of the Tempe City Council and Tempe staff. As noted in the 7/15/22 Weekly memo, the Resolutions Committee was held during the conference to vote on the League's resolutions for the upcoming legislative session. The agenda for the conference is available at [this link](#).

AMWUA Letter to the Department of Interior and Federal Delegation

The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) sent a letter to Secretary Haaland, Assistant Secretary Trujillo, Commissioner Touton and Arizona's federal delegation urging cooperation among the Basin States regarding the Colorado River supply and highlighting the concerns of effects on the AMWUA cities. The letter is attached.

MAG Committee Representation

Councilmember Doreen Garlid has been named as Tempe's representative on the Continuum of Care Local Jurisdictional Committee. The Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care works with a diverse array of partners to develop regional solutions to end homelessness.

Grant Opportunities

Via the US Conference of Mayors

Application Extension for 2023 ABFHA Awards to September 30, 2022

Based on a significant number of requests from our member cities, we have decided to extend the application deadline for the [2023 Childhood Obesity Prevention and Environmental Health and Sustainability Awards](#) for all applicants until September 30, 2022 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time. We're hopeful this extension will provide every city who desires to do so with enough time to submit their application(s).

[Apply Now](#)

Cities that have already submitted applications for the 2023 awards cycle may use this time to revise/edit their submitted application(s) as they see fit, or to submit new/additional applications. (Please do remember that any city may submit as many applications as they wish.)

ABOUT THE AWARDS: This initiative, a partnership between The United States Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Association for a Healthy America (ABFHA), supports programs that aim to improve the health and wellness of the nation's children, families, neighborhoods, and cities. In 2023, a total of \$745,000 in funding will be awarded to nine cities, in three population categories: Small City (population less than 75,000); Medium City (population 75,000-250,000) and Large City (population more than 250,000).

Programs that will be considered for funding include: a) childhood obesity prevention; b) environmental health and sustainability, or; c) programs that comprise a hybrid of both.



August 25, 2022

The Honorable Debra Haaland
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

The Honorable Tanya Trujillo
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

The Honorable Camille Calimlim Touton
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
1849 C. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland, Assistant Secretary Trujillo, and Commissioner Touton:

The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) is extremely concerned about the current state of the Colorado River. If decisive action is not taken throughout the Colorado River Basin to reduce water usage, our municipalities and all who rely on the River could quickly find themselves facing a catastrophic shortage on the River.

The AMWUA cities include Avondale, Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Goodyear, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe. These municipalities collectively provide water to more than 3.7 million people, over half of the state's population as well as to the businesses and industries that are critical to Arizona and the national economy. These municipal providers are responsible for meeting the water demands of their communities. Abrupt, drastic shortages can lead to serious consequences for existing communities by creating extreme challenges to their water treatment and delivery systems, as well as negatively impacting the Valley's manufacturing and high-tech industries along with financial services, health care, higher education institutions, and other economic drivers, which collectively support the \$281 billion GDP of the Phoenix metropolitan area. The AMWUA cities are prepared for having less Colorado River water, but not for having none.

We are extremely concerned that without a tangible, long-lasting, and enforceable plan to permanently reduce demands by all water users throughout the Basin, Colorado River conditions will rapidly spiral towards deadpool and there will be no water to benefit our communities or any users of the River. We agree with the Bureau of Reclamation's statements that "the system is approaching a tipping point, and without action we cannot protect the system and the millions of Americans who rely on this critical resource" and "to avoid a catastrophic collapse of the Colorado River system, water use in the basin must be reduced." We understood Commissioner Touton's June pronouncement to mean that if the seven Basin States did not come up with a plan by August 15, 2022 to reduce water demand throughout the Basin annually by 2 to 4 million acre-feet, the Department of Interior would pursue unilateral action.

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We are disappointed that Interior did not take action to protect the Colorado River system. The current risk of reaching critical reservoir elevations in 2023 is unacceptable and creates more uncertainty about what amounts of River water can be expected next year and beyond. Water providers must determine and submit their Colorado River water orders for next year by October 1st. Once those orders are submitted, they must plan accordingly for how to move vast amounts of water within our service areas and supplement with other supplies if their Colorado River water is reduced beyond what they are told would be available in 2023. We have supported and prepared according to the current framework for managing the River, including the 2007 Interim Guidelines and the Drought Contingency Plan. With uncertainty increasing, we can no longer rely on a year-to-year approach with short-term, voluntary band aids. Water providers need a long-term sustainable approach that will stabilize the River system and provide greater certainty since critical management decisions are being made that will impact millions of residents.

The AMWUA cities are aware of Arizona's junior priority pursuant to the 1968 Colorado River Basin Project Act's authorization of the Central Arizona Project. Precisely because of CAP's junior priority status, Arizona has historically agreed to take the first cuts under the current framework and has proactively left 800,000 acre-feet, including contributions from cities, in Lake Mead this year. They have invested billions to protect our allocations of Colorado River water and constructed the treatment plants and other infrastructure necessary to treat and deliver this water to their residents and businesses. They have also made significant investments to prepare for times of shortage of Colorado River water. However, nothing about today's environment is consistent with what was happening in 1968. A mega-drought, climate change and aridification of the West force us to confront the stark reality that the River can no longer provide enough water for the current level of use. Drying up the Central Arizona Project will not fix this crisis. Each of the Basin States and all users of Colorado River water must step up and contribute water use reductions to protect this vital and fragile water supply.

AMWUA respectfully requests that Reclamation intervene forcefully and quickly to spur cooperation among the diverse interests in the seven Basin States. Without your leadership, we do not believe it will be possible to develop a timely solution necessary to avert the looming disaster. Such a plan needs to be equitable throughout the Basin and among all users and include tangible, long-lasting, enforceable reductions. The recently authorized \$4 billion for drought mitigation is a welcome tool to contribute to a solution; however, we encourage that the expenditure of those monies lead to long-term durable reductions that stabilize the overall River system.

We are confident that with your firm, resolute leadership a collaborative, long-term, sustainable solution to avert this imminent Colorado River crisis is possible.

Sincerely,



Warren Tenney
Executive Director

cc: Arizona Congressional Delegation

Arizona Municipal Water Users Association