

THANK YOU SUN CITY!!!

When SCHOA asked if you wanted SCHOA to pursue an appeal of the Corporation Commissioners' decision to consolidate the Sun City Wastewater District with EPCOR's other districts, you replied with a resounding "ABSOLUTELY" through your donations to hire the legal team needed to proceed.

We have now received enough donations to get us through the appeal. Therefore, we are ending the program and thank the Sun City Community for their efforts to thwart the egregious and unjust decision by four of the five Commissioners. Only Commissioner Burns held steadfast against forcing consolidation and exorbitant rates against the Sun City EPCOR Wastewater Ratepayers.

The lawsuit against the Commission was filed with the Arizona Court of Appeals in late August of 2017. Now, a number of briefs and answer briefs will be prepared by the parties after which there will be a hearing of oral arguments following with a decision by the Appellate Justices. A decision is likely mid-2018.

In the meantime, EPCOR has filed a water case and is proposing the forced consolidation of their eleven (11) water districts. The initial proposal will again cost the Sun City Ratepayers dearly.

It is important to understand that The Corporation Commissioners, their staff and judge, have made it quite clear they are all in step to proceed with this consolidation program for EPCOR. Even so, SCHOA has already filed to intervene in the EPCOR Water Case. We do not however, intend to invest in legal counsel for the water case as we feel it would prove fruitless unless we prevail with the wastewater appeal. The water case is also expected to be determined mid-2018. It will "again" be important to become active participants during this case.

Obviously, our most pointed effort continues to be focused on the Wastewater Appeal as it will prove an important overall determinant for all the EPCOR cases affecting the Sun City District Ratepayers.

Again, thanks to our great citizens who have assisted in this most important and exasperating fight.

Greg Eisert, Chairman, SCHOA Government Affairs Committee