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**CITY OF TEMPE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Council Meeting Date: 08/18/2016**  
**Agenda Item: 5A3**

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**ACTION:** Approve a one-year membership renewal with the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Total cost of the one-year membership renewal will not exceed \$110,411. Sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Water and Wastewater Fund – cost center 3002 (Water Administration) for the anticipated expenditures.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the renewal of the membership.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City of Tempe has been a member of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) since 1969. The AMWUA is a non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors composed of mayors and council members representing its ten member cities and towns including Avondale, Chandler, Glendale, Gilbert, Goodyear, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe.

The water and wastewater treatment industry is heavily monitored by county, state, and federal agencies, which have stringent regulations in place to ensure safe and efficient water and wastewater services are provided to the public. Rules and regulations are continually changing and being updated as environmental standards are revised. Organizational membership in AMWUA allows the City to remain current and maintain a proactive approach to upcoming issues for the water industry, and to develop and pursue policies to safeguard water supplies for the future.

AMWUA advocates for its members at the Arizona Legislature, the Governor's Office, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Central Arizona Project, and the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. AMWUA also works collaboratively with other water stakeholders to devise practical solutions to water and wastewater problems to ensure sustainable growth for Arizona. Membership in AMWUA allows staff as well as Council to participate in and benefit from these joint efforts to enhance and conserve the Valley's water supply. AMWUA has an FY16/17 budget of \$1.35M supported by water and wastewater fees assessed to its member communities. Fifty percent of AMWUA's water budget is assessed equally between the 10 member communities, and the remaining 50% is assessed based on population according to the MAG 2015 official population estimates. AMWUA wastewater assessments are based on ownership in the 91<sup>st</sup> Ave. Wastewater Treatment Plant @ 204.5 MGD. Tempe's assessment for FY 16/17 includes a water fee of \$82,189 and a wastewater fee of \$28,222 for a total annual assessment of \$110,411. Currently Councilmember Kuby represents Tempe on the AMWUA executive board.

**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

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