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MEMORANDUM Municipal Utilities Department– Memo ER08-013

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER *WMP*
 DAVE SIEGEL, MUNICIPAL UTILITIES DIRECTOR *DS*

FROM: DOUG TOY, SENIOR ENGINEER *Doug Toy*

SUBJECT: Payment of Membership Dues to the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
 in the Amount of \$85,662

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council approve payment of membership dues to the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association in the amount of \$85,662.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) is a voluntary non-profit corporation established in 1969 to develop and advocate regional water resource management policies in the interest of its members, their citizens and rate-payers. The current members of AMWUA are the cities of Avondale, Chandler, Glendale, Goodyear, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Tempe, Scottsdale, and the Town of Gilbert. Chandler has been a member since 1984. The AMWUA Management Board is comprised of the City Managers of each of its member cities. The AMWUA Board of Directors is comprised of its members' Mayors.

AMWUA provides a forum for its member cities to meet and discuss water resource planning, legislation, conservation, and management issues. This allows member cities to work together on regional projects such as drought response, groundwater management, groundwater recharge, augmentation, conservation, legislation, and environmental issues affecting the members' water supply.

Member cities also work together to reach consensus and present a united response on issues affecting them. For example, AMWUA has assisted the cities in coordinating municipal response to the recent Assured Water Supply Rules and the Well Spacing Rules revisions. AMWUA also represents the cities in the on-going rural Arizona water supply discussion.

Each AMWUA city membership dues are a prorated share (based on population) of AMWUA's water operating budget. AMWUA's fiscal year 2007-08 water operating budget has increased

3.95% from fiscal year 2006-07. Chandler's membership dues for fiscal year 2006-07 were \$82,404. Chandler's membership dues for fiscal year 2007-08 are \$85,662.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost: \$85,662
Savings: N/A
Long Term Costs: N/A

Fund Source:

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Fund Name:</u>	<u>Program Name:</u>	<u>CIP Funded:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
605.3840.0000.5224	Water Operating	AMWUA Dues	N/A	\$85,662

PROPOSED MOTION: Move that Council approve payment of membership dues to the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association in the amount of \$85,662 as recommended by staff.