John Kmiec is the current Director for Marana Water. Prior to joining the Town in 2012, John was the Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Supervisor for Tucson Water. During his 12 years with Tucson Water, John assisted in advancing programs such as CAP recharge and recovery, effluent recharge and recovery, potable and reclaimed water distribution and backflow prevention programs. John represented the City of Tucson on Governor Brewer’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Water Sustainability in 2010 and is the Chemical Committee Chairman for the ADEQ Panel on Emerging Contaminants. He is also the co-chair of the Steering Committee on Arizona Potable Reuse (SCAPR). John has been on the board of trustees of WateReuse AZ, the state chapter of the WateReuse Association, since 2005, serving as the section president from 2009-2011.

Marana Water is an enterprise department of the Town of Marana. The department provides a combination of water and wastewater services to many of the town residents and surrounding area. John will be discussing many of the capital projects that Marana Water will be engaged in the next few years. The primary project John will discuss will be the Marana Water Reclamation Recharge Facility that should be under construction in the next several months. The facility is master planned to conduct 3.5 MGD effluent recharge via spreading basins in northern Pima County.

Jeff has nearly 35 years of experience in the water profession. He started his career with the Burlington, Iowa Municipal Waterworks in 1980. Jeff was then hired by the Kansas City, Missouri Water Services Department in 1987 and in 2001 was hired by Tucson Water. Jeff’s experience includes water treatment and quality, public outreach, intergovernmental affairs, and research. Jeff has extensive management experience, managing staff of over 500 and budgets over $200 million. Jeff was appointed by former Arizona Governor Jan Brewer to the Groundwater Users Advisory Board in 2010. Jeff is on the Board of Directors for the Multi-States Salinity Coalition, Chair of the AZ Water Utility Council, At- Large Trustee for WateReuse Arizona, and on the Marana Water Utilities Board.

Jeff is an avid golfer and is the Chair of the Southern Arizona Golf Classic, which in twelve years has raised over $327,000 for Water for People. Water for People is an international 501(c)(3) nonprofit humanitarian organization that focus on long-lasting, safe drinking water and improved sanitation for developing countries. Jeff’s presentation will demonstrate how non-potable water reuse has helped keep Tucson a sustainable community for three decades, the process Tucson Water is undertaking to add potable
reuse to its water resource portfolio, and the approach being used to educate customers about Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) and the value it will bring to this desert city.