



**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
November 1, 2018**

**FINAL AGENDA**

A meeting of the Public Policy Committee ("Committee") of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District's ("CAP" or "CAWCD") Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Karen Cesare on November 1, 2018 at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held at Central Arizona Project Headquarters, located at 23636 North Seventh Street, Phoenix, Arizona, in the Board Room.

Committee members present were Chairperson Karen Cesare, Pima County; Lisa Atkins, Maricopa County; and Heather Macre, Maricopa County.

Committee members Jim Hartdegen, Pinal County; and Pam Pickard, Maricopa County; were absent.

Staff members present were Ted Cooke, General Manager; Jay Johnson, General Counsel; Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Director of Public Affairs; Jeff Gray, Legislative Affairs Manager; Tony DeMarco, Legislative Affairs Analyst; Jennifer Miller, Board Support Specialist; and Jessika Rodriguez, Executive Secretary.

**1. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE - CESARE**

**On a motion (Board Member Atkins) and a second (Board Member Macre), approved the minutes of the October 4, 2018 Committee meeting. Motion Passed.**

*Voting yes: Cesare, Atkins, Macre*

**2. REPORT ON FEDERAL ISSUES THAT COULD AFFECT CAP AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD TAKE ACTION ON FEDERAL ISSUES THAT COULD IMPACT CAP (LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC TRUST; RELATIONSHIPS - OTHER STAKEHOLDERS^) - GRAY**

Mr. Gray reported on the following:

Federal Update: Congress is recessed until after the November mid-term elections. Congress will have four weeks remaining in the year upon their return, commonly referred to as a "lame duck" session, to work on remaining FY 2019 funding and other issues.

FY 2019 Budget: In September, Congress passed—and the President signed—an appropriations minibuss that provided \$1.5 billion in FY 2019 funding for the U.S. Department of Reclamation. Funding for other agencies, including the Interior Department and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will be decided when Congress returns.

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA): Prior to adjournment, the Senate overwhelming passed the conferenced version of the biannual WRDA bill, which is entitled America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. Among its provisions, the bill reauthorizes the federal loan program under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and provides \$100 million in funding for the

program through FY 2021. The bill also codifies EPA's voluntary water-efficiency labeling program, WaterSENSE. President Trump signed the bill on October 23, 2018.

Presidential Memorandum on Western Water: Despite being packaged as a directive to address "water infrastructure challenges in the Western United States," President Trump's Memorandum signed on October 19 focuses on accelerating timelines for environmental compliance of water projects in California. Notably, Reclamation's FY 2019 budget includes funding for these California water issues. The Memo also promotes improved technology for greater use of desalination and recycled water, but Colorado River water issues are not specifically addressed. The Memo's directives do not have a direct impact on CAP operations in this regard.

"Waters of the United States" Rulemaking: The EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have announced that the repeal of the 2015 WOTUS rule will occur by March 2019. In addition, the Administration is expected to release a new proposed rule that the agencies anticipate will be finalized in September 2019. Timelines are still considered tentative.

3. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2019 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS - GRAY**

During the month of October, Mr. Gray said CAP staff reviewed the current state and federal legislative agendas for updates in 2019. There are no major revisions or new items being proposed by staff for the upcoming year. Instead, staff took the opportunity to make changes that organize the two agendas for better clarity and conciseness.

With regard to the schedule for adoption of the agendas, he said the discussion and review begins at today's meeting. Staff will take direction on any changes and present the agendas to the Committee for possible recommendation to the full Board in December. Mr. Gray then reviewed the draft proposed 2019 state and federal legislative agendas (see attachments).

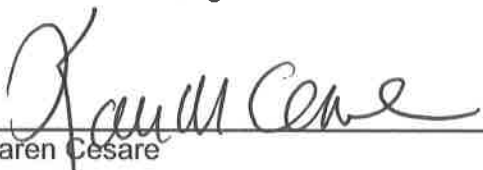
As a final note, Chairwoman Cesare encouraged committee members to review the agendas for any changes prior to the meeting in December. Committee members generally agreed the changes suggested by staff were good improvements for next year.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

5. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

  
Karen Cesare  
Chair

October 24, 2018

The 54th State Legislature's First Regular Session will begin on Monday, January 14, 2019. The following list describes CAWCD's draft proposed state legislative agenda for calendar year 2019 to be considered by the Public Policy Committee and the Board of Directors.

### **Central Arizona Project Authorities and Operations**

CAP Position: *Monitor legislative and regulatory efforts that could impact CAP's contractual authorities or directly impact CAP water supplies and operations.*

### **Colorado River Water Supply**

CAP Position: *Support the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), including state legislative authorization for the Arizona Department of Water Resources to enter into the DCP agreements with other necessary Arizona and interstate parties.*

*Continue to cooperate with Federal, State, Tribal and other stakeholders to support conservation efforts that protect water elevations in Lake Mead.*

### **Arizona Water Resources**

CAP Position: *Continue to collaborate with elected officials and stakeholders on efforts to address in-state and interstate water resources.*

*Monitor legislative efforts that encourage in-state water conservation and augmentation activities.*

### **Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Funding**

CAP Position: *Support the Arizona Game and Fish Department's efforts to collect and maintain revenues sufficient to continue its annual contribution toward the costs of the MSCP.*

*Monitor legislative and executive proposals that impact dedicated annual state funding of the MSCP.*

### **Funding of State Water Agencies and Commissions**

CAP Position: *Support the efforts of the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission to secure sufficient state General Fund appropriations in order to carry out statutory functions.*

*Monitor legislative actions that propose to use funds available to the Arizona Water Banking Authority Commission for other purposes.*

**Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR)**

CAP Position: *Monitor any proposed CAGRDR-related legislation to ensure its operations are not adversely impacted.*

*Promote awareness of CAGRDR's statutory functions, operations, and funding to inform lawmakers of its critical contribution to Arizona's water management and economic development.*

**Agency Rulemaking**

CAP Position: *Continue to monitor state rulemaking and implementation related to energy, air quality, water quality and other issues that may affect CAP operations.*

***If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact***

***CAP Legislative Affairs at 623-869-2425.***

October 24, 2019

The 116th Congress' First Session will begin on January 3, 2019. The following list describes CAWCD's draft proposed federal legislative agenda for calendar year 2019 to be considered by the Public Policy Committee and the Board of Directors.

### **Central Arizona Project Authorities and Operations**

CAP Position: *Monitor legislative and regulatory efforts that could impact CAP's contractual authorities or directly impact CAP water supplies and operations.*

### **Colorado River Water Supply**

CAP Position: *Support the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), including legislation that directs the Secretary of the Interior to implement the DCP.*

*Continue to cooperate with Federal, State, Tribal, and other stakeholders to mitigate potential impacts on the CAP water supply and support water conservation and augmentation activities, such as the Pilot System Conservation Program, desalination, weather modification, and water reuse and recycling programs, as well as other programs.*

*Continue to support the operation of the Yuma Desalting Plant or suitable alternatives to reduce system losses.*

### **Cybersecurity**

CAP Position: *Monitor legislative efforts to address cybersecurity and potential threats to critical infrastructure and vital computer systems.*

### **Central Arizona Project Water Infrastructure**

CAP Position: *Monitor proposals by the Executive and Congress to provide financing opportunities to modernize U.S. infrastructure and determine possible opportunities for CAP.*

### **Energy**

CAP Position: *Monitor legislative efforts that may impact CAP operations, including CAP's ability to secure affordable energy and ensure reliable transmission delivery.*

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*Continue efforts to engage elected officials, stakeholders, and governmental agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Navajo Generating Station.*

### **Water Quality and Salinity**

CAP Position: *Monitor water quality issues impacting the Colorado River that may affect CAP operations.*

*Support the activities of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum, including efforts to secure adequate funding and improve water management.*

*Support the efforts of the Lower Colorado River Water Quality Partnership to address water quality issues of the Colorado River.*

### **Indian Water Rights Settlements**

CAP Position: *Continue to collaborate with Arizona Tribes and other stakeholders on issues related to resolving water rights claims.*

*Continue to support legislation necessary and appropriate to enact the Hualapai Tribe water rights settlement.*

### **Federal Rulemaking**

CAP Position: *Continue to monitor federal rulemaking and implementation related to energy, air quality, water quality, and other issues that may affect CAP operations.*

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