



**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Public Policy Committee
February 7, 2019**

FINAL AGENDA

A special 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 Chairwoman Karen Cesare on February 7, 2019 at 9:12 a.m. The meeting was held at the Central Arizona Project, 23636 North Seventh Street, Phoenix, Arizona, in the Board Room. Committee members present were Karen Cesare, Pima County; Lisa Atkins, Maricopa County; Jim Hartdegen, Pinal County; and Heather Macre, Maricopa County,

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

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2019 PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND THE JANUARY 24, 2019 SPECIAL PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE - CESARE

On a motion (Board Member Macre) and second (Board Member Hartdegen), approved the minutes of the January 3, 2019 Committee meeting and the January 24, 2019 Special Committee meeting.

Voting yes: Cesare, Atkins, Hartdegen, Macre

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

Mr. Gray, Legislative Affairs Manager, provided an overview of the Governor's State of the State address, a timeline for the release of the Executive Budget and the upcoming legislative session.

Mr. Gray discussed the Governor's FY2020 budget requesting \$65.914M for ADWR, which includes a \$37M increase for the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). He said \$250k is requested for the Arizona Water Protection Fund.

Mr. Gray reported on the status of the following bills:

- HB2013 - \$1M appropriation to the Arizona Water Protection Fund
- SB1227 / HB2545 –Authorization for the AWBA to exchange existing LTSCs between AMAs; LTSC transfer fee waiver. Limited repeal of "WaterBUD." General Fund appropriation of \$7 million; \$2M from ADWR DCP funds; repurposing Pinal withdrawal fee for groundwater infrastructure in Pinal AMA; General Fund appropriation of \$30 million; ADWR authority to act as

the fiscal agent for NGO contributions. \$2M from ADWR DCP funds to the Augmentation and Conservation Assistance Fund at ADWR for conservation grants in AMAs for conservation of groundwater. ADWR report to Legislature on DCP agreements.

- SJR1001/ HJR2002 – Resolution to authorize the ADWR Director to sign the Interstate DCP Agreements on behalf of the state of Arizona with specific stipulations.

Mr. Gray presented on the following bills:

- HB2434, introduced by State Representative Cobb. The bill allows for an irrigation and water conservation district located in a county that has formed a county water authority is prohibited from transferring fourth priority Colorado River water that is subject to the Boulder Canyon Project Act to a location outside the counties in Arizona that border the Colorado River.
- HB2468, also introduced by State Representative Cobb. This bill is a requirement of ADWR to adopt an emergency rule to implement policies to provide for the review and advice of the Director on any negotiation or contract that affects the allocation and use of main stream Colorado River water or the allocation and use of Colorado River water delivered through the Central Arizona Project.
- HB2586, introduced by State Representative Cook. This addresses assured water supply issues in Pinal County, as well as makes changes to statutes related to the CAGR D.
- SB1541, introduced by State Representative Borrelli. This bill allows for an irrigation and water conservation district established in a county with more than 200,000 persons and that has a Colorado River boundary, defines land or real property as all real property regardless of use or designation and applies to instances in which holding ownership or evidence of title is required for: voting or holding office in a District; or signing a formation, dissolution, boundary change or recall petition or any other District function.

3. **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 gave an overview of the newly appointed committees, highlighting the position of members of Arizona's congressional delegation. He discussed the impact of the Federal shutdown and the temporary agreement to fund the Federal Government until February 15.

Mr. Gray provided a summary of S.47, Natural Resources Management Act, and also provided an update on the timing of Federal rulemaking relating to the Waters of the US (WOTUS).

Chairwoman Cesare mentioned DCP requires congressional approval and requested the status.

Mr. Cooke advised Chairwoman Cesare, and members of the committee, that there have been discussions with the seven basin states, including the Bureau of Reclamation, relating to timing and a possible letter to congressional offices.

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4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.



Karen Cesare
Chair