



**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Public Policy Committee
May 2, 2019**

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 5/2/2019 at 09:11 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: Chair Karen Cesare, Pima County; Jennifer Brown, Maricopa County; Benjamin W. Graff, Maricopa County; Jim Hartdegen, Pinal County (*via teleconference*); and Heather A. Macre, Maricopa County.

Staff members present were: Ted Cooke, General Manager; Jay Johnson, General Counsel; Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Director, Public Affairs; Jeff Gray, Legislative Affairs Manager; Megan Casey, Public Affairs Management Analyst; Jenn Miller, Board Support Specialist; and Michelle Oldfield, Public Affairs Specialist.

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2019 PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE - CESARE

On a motion (Board Member Macre) and a second (Board Member Graff), approved the minutes of the April 4, 2019 Public Policy Committee meeting. Motion passed.

Voting yes: Karen Cesare, Benjamin W. Graff, Jim Hartdegen, Heather A. Macre

Not voting: Jennifer Brown

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 - GRAY

Jeff Gray, Legislative Affairs Manager, gave an update on the current legislative session, reporting on the State Budget, noting that no state budget has been introduced at this time. He explained that a draft worksheet was released, and that negotiations are ongoing. Mr. Gray also reported that on Wednesday, April 17, General Manager Ted Cooke and ADWR Director Tom Buschatzke provided an update to the Senate Water & Agriculture Committee on the status of DCP.

Mr. Gray reported on the following bills that affect CAP operations:

- HB2013: (appropriation; Arizona water protection fund) There is no change in status. Mr. Gray noted that it is anticipated this will be part of the budget package.

Mr. Gray reported on the following bills, noting that staff is not recommending CAP take an official position:

- HB2124 (s/e appropriations; courts; water master)
- SB1440 (s/e appropriations; employees; water resources)

- HB2467 (committees; west basin water users)
- HB2475 (water use; criminal penalty; wells)
- HB2477 (adjudication statutes; unconstitutional provisions; repeal)
- HCM2004 (reserved water rights; exclusion)
- HCR2019 (support; water management policies)

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 - GRAY**

Mr. Gray gave an update on federal issues, reporting that Congress is currently holding an appropriations process for FY 2020 after several years of funding the government through continuing resolutions. Mr. Gray also noted that Colorado River Basin Salinity Program Appropriations requests are ongoing. CAP has provided 5 of 6 planned statements in support of appropriations requests along with other supporters of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum.

Mr. Gray also reported that on April 16, 2019, President Trump signed the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act (HR 2030). He updated the Committee on HR 1904 (Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act). CAP will continue to monitor this bill. He alerted the Committee about newly introduced legislation relating to the Hualapai Water Rights Settlement (S.1277 and H.R.2459).

Mr. Gray also discussed the Federal Infrastructure Package updates, informing the Committee that President Trump met with Congressional Democrats and agreed on \$2 trillion in funding, but Mr. Gray noted that a specific funding source has not been identified.

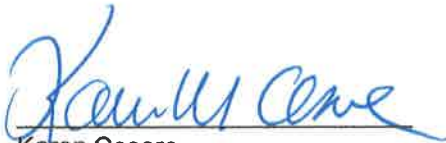
Mr. Gray informed the committee that Department of Interior has named Katharine MacGregor as the new Interim Deputy Secretary.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

5. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 09:30 a.m.



Karen Cesare
Chair