



**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Public Policy Committee
March 4, 2021**

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 Acting Chair Benjamin W. Graff on March 4, 2021 at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held virtually and broadcast for the public via livestream.

Committee Members present were: Acting Chair Benjamin W. Graff, Maricopa County; Lisa A. Atkins, Maricopa County; Stephen Miller, Pinal County; and Marie Pearthree, Pima County.

Committee Members not present were: Chair Jennifer Brown, Maricopa County; and Jennifer Martin, 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; Jessica Newland, Legislative Affairs Analyst; Megan Casey, Public Affairs Management Analyst; Jenn Miller, Board Support Specialist; and Michelle Oldfield, Public Affairs Specialist.

Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Director, Public Affairs, performed a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

Acting Chair Graff began with announcements about the virtual meeting format, how committee member participation would be managed, and how the public could provide comments.

1. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2021 PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE - GRAFF

On a motion (Board Member Pearthree) and a second (Board Member Miller), approved the minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting. Motion passed.

Voting yes: Lisa A. Atkins, Benjamin W. Graff, Stephen Miller, Marie Pearthree

2. REPORT AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING STATE ISSUES THAT COULD IMPACT CAP, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HB2691, HB2702, AND HB2804 - GRAY

Jeff Gray, Legislative Affairs Manager, updated the Committee on the status of the state legislative session and provided information about bills the Committee has previously taken a position on and bills that the Committee was asked take action on.

Board Member Pearthree asked a question about H.B. 2691 and Waters of the United States rulemaking, and Mr. Gray provided an answer to this question.

Acting Chair Graff made a comment about the impact H.B. 2702 may have on CAP operations.

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Acting Chair Graff, Board Member Pearthree and Board Member Miller asked several questions about H.B. 2804. Jay Johnson, General Counsel, and Mr. Gray provided information to address these questions.

Board Member Pearthree asked for an update on S.B. 1687. Mr. Gray provided an update on that bill.

Acting Chair Graff asked Mr. Gray to provide information about the process the Committee uses between meetings to take an interim position on legislation.

On a motion (Board Member Atkins) and a second (Board Member Pearthree), recommended that the Board adopt a position on the following pending state legislation of interest to CAP: HB2691 (MONITOR), HB2702 (OPPOSE), and HB2804 (request amendment and MONITOR). Motion passed.

Voting yes: Lisa A. Atkins, Benjamin W. Graff, Stephen Miller, Marie Pearthree

3. REPORT AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING FEDERAL ISSUES THAT COULD IMPACT CAP - GRAY

Mr. Gray updated the Committee on the new executive appointments to federal agencies that relate to CAP operations. The Committee viewed a video of testimony related to Department of Interior Secretary nominee Deb Haaland. Mr. Gray also updated the Committee on House and Senate committee assignments, the COVID Relief Package and forthcoming federal budget and infrastructure packages.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:51a.m.

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Jennifer Brown
Chair