



**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Excess Water CAP
Water User Roundtable
June 20, 2019**

As part of the Customer Service Task Force recommendations, CAP staff conducted a roundtable with stakeholders to discuss Excess Water.

Board Members present included Karen Cesare of Pima County and Jim Holway of Maricopa County.

Participants of the roundtable included Eric Braun, Town of Gilbert, Cynthia Campbell, City of Phoenix, Derek Castaneda, City of El Mirage, Patrick Cunningham, Mohave County, Patrick Dent, CAP, Doug Dunham, EPCOR, Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear, Jason Hauter, Akin Gump, Lacey James, City of Avondale, Dan Jones, Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, Elisa Klein, City of Scottsdale, Dee Korich, City of Tucson, Cheryl Lombard, Valley Partnership, Leslie Meyers, Bureau of Reclamation, Virginia O'Connell, Arizona Water Banking Authority, Asia Philbin, Marana Water, Josh Rees, Tohono O'odham Nation, Dennis Rule, Southern Arizona Homebuilders, Ken Seasholes, CAP, Tony Staffaroni, CAP, Drew Swieczkowski, City of Glendale, Warren Tenney, Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA), Suzanne Ticknor, CAP, Wally Wilson, Metro Water

1. WELCOME - TICKNOR

Ms. Ticknor, Assistant General Manager, provided a welcome and overview of the roundtable process, stemming from the Customer Service Task Force, introduced Board Champions Cesare and Holway, and provided background information related to the Excess Water Task Force and recommendations from 2018. To shape the discussion, participants were asked to think of the following: term of the policy, whether to extend the current policy, intra-year aspects to address, and anything else that they would like to understand.

2. CAP SUPPLY UPDATE- DENT

Mr. Dent, Water Control Manager, presented on the 2020 water supply projection, including a 1.43 million acre-feet delivery supply and orders of 1.2 million acre-feet, leaving 233,000 acre-feet for the Ag pool. The supply may increase, depending on 2019 deliveries, but does not anticipate other excess in 2020 at this time.

**3. BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXCESS WATER TASK FORCE.
CURRENT ACCESS TO EXCESS POLICY - SEASHOLES**

Mr. Seasholes, Resource Planning and Analysis Manager, reviewed the recommendations of the Excess Water Task Force and provided a brief review on key terms related to Excess Water, including an explanation of on-river turnback and how that impacts the CAP supply, noting that if delivery is less than what was on the schedule, it then cascades through the priority system and increases the CAP supply.

This typically affects storage in Lake Pleasant, and not the current year's delivery supply. Warren Tenney asked a clarifying question and Mr. Dent responded that this water becomes part of system water in the following year.

4. **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

All roundtable participants introduced themselves and provided the following questions, comments, or preferences:

Several participants commented that a term of five years, or ending when DCP ends in 2026 may be appropriate. Others asked for a shorter term, with an option to extend, and several asked for flexibility in the policy. Several participants stated that when excess is available, the Ag pool, Water Bank, CAGR, and statutory firming pool should have water made available to them.

A number of comments were made related to making sure that whatever decisions are made related to excess water, that it does not have a negative effect on causing shortages in a subsequent year. A suggestion was made that if facing shortages on long-term contracts, when excess is available, those contractors might be entitled to share in excess water.

Several participants commented that they are pleased with having this topic discussed in a roundtable process, and through the work of the Excess Water Task Force, and the roundtable, have a greater understanding of operations.

Ms. Ticknor closed the meeting with an update on next steps including a report to the Board by Board Champions, and staff working toward a proposal based on the feedback and information received. The goal is to have a policy by the end of the year.