

2015 Central Arizona Project

Federal Legislative Agenda

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The following list describes CAP's federal legislative agenda for calendar year 2015 and will guide the activities of CAP legislative staff and consultants during the Session.

The Business Planning and Governmental Programs Team will come before the Public Policy Committee on a regular basis to seek guidance and direction on these and other proposed rules and legislation that may arise during the coming year

Priority Issues

Colorado River Sustainability

CAP Position: Working with the Basin States, other Colorado River water users and the U.S. Department of the Interior, pursue legislative and funding solutions to promote Colorado River sustainability, including efforts to address the structural deficit in the Lower Basin.

Navajo Generating Station (NGS)

CAP Position: Continue efforts to engage elected officials, stakeholders, and governmental agencies regarding implementation of the EPA's final BART rule for NOx emissions, development of the NGS/Kayenta Mine Complex Environmental Impact Statement through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and results of the National Renewable Laboratory Phase II Study.

Cybersecurity Threats and Legislation

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

Issues That Require CAP Involvement with Other Stakeholders

Navajo/Hopi Water Rights Issues

CAP Position: Continue to collaborate with the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe and other stakeholders on issues related to resolving water rights claims.

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum

CAP Position: Continue to support the operation of the Yuma Desalting Plant or a suitable alternative. Support the activities of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum, including efforts to secure adequate funding.

Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Energy Legislation

CAP Position: Continue to collaborate with Federal, State, tribal, and environmental stakeholders to augment water supplies and mitigate potential impacts on CAP water and power operations.

Federal Rulemaking

EPA Rulemaking, Greenhouse Gas Emissions

CAP Position: Monitor proposals to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act and its impact on Navajo Generating Station.

EPA/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waters of the United States Rulemaking

CAP Position: Continue to oppose the proposed "Waters of the United States" rule as published by the EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on April 21, 2014. Pursue exemption of public water supply systems, such as the CAP, from the rulemaking.

Water Quality

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

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