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AGENDA

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2026 CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT AUTHORITIES AND OPERATIONS

- Monitor legislative and regulatory efforts that could impact CAP's contractual authorities or impact CAP water supplies and operations.
- Oppose efforts that would attempt to interfere with the Secretary of the Interior's authority to approve Section 5 contract transfer actions.

COLORADO RIVER WATER SUPPLY

- Support a resolution authorizing the state to enter into an agreement regarding Post-2026 Colorado River operations.
- Support collective actions to implement Post-2026 Colorado River operations in a manner that ensures reliable water supplies for CAP and its water users.
- Support additional collective actions to reduce the risks of Lake Mead declining below critical elevations and ensure Arizona and CAP do not continue to carry a disproportionate burden of reductions on the River.
- Support the further implementation of Minute 323 and Minute 330 with Mexico and support efforts to pursue further proportional reductions from Mexico.
- Cooperate with Federal, State, local, Tribal and other stakeholders to support conservation of Colorado River water.
- Support continued state funding to address the effects of drought, including system conservation, potable reuse, augmentation, agriculture efficiency, and other related programs.
- Encourage continuation of broad-based stakeholder discussions on the impacts of Colorado River water supply reductions in the state, with engagement by the Executive and Legislature, as exemplified by the Arizona Reconsultation Committee.

ARIZONA WATER RESOURCES

- Collaborate with elected officials and stakeholders on efforts to address in-state and interstate water resources issues, including conservation and augmentation activities.

MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM (MSCP) FUNDING

- Support state efforts to collect and maintain revenues sufficient to continue annual contributions toward the costs of the MSCP and monitor legislative and executive proposals that impact such funding.

FUNDING OF STATE WATER AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

- Support the efforts of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Water Infrastructure Finance Authority and the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission to secure sufficient state General Fund appropriations in order to carry out statutory functions and maintain and recruit experienced staff.
- Support additional funding, if necessary, to the Arizona Department of Water Resources for costs of potential litigation to protect Arizona's Colorado River allocation.
- Monitor legislative actions that propose to use funds available to the Arizona Water Banking Authority Commission for other purposes.

CENTRAL ARIZONA GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (CAGRD)

- Support the current 100-year Assured Water Supply determination requirements and associated provisions in the Groundwater Management Act/Assured Water Supply Program.
- Oppose legislation that:
 - » Requires the CAGRD to replenish groundwater as a standalone function apart from the Assured Water Supply Program.
 - » Increases the replenishment obligation of the CAGRD without sufficient water supplies or policies to mitigate the impact of increased replenishment.
 - » Would otherwise jeopardize the 2025 Plan of Operation.
- Ensure Build-to-Rent projects enrolled in the CAGRD pay appropriate fees, consistent with other single-family homes enrolled in the District.
- Continue to engage in legislative discussions regarding Build-to-Rent projects in Active Management Areas complying with the Assured Water Supply Program in a manner consistent with the statutory intent of Arizona's Groundwater Management Act.
- Monitor proposals that strengthen provisions regarding illegal lot splitting (wildcat developments) as it relates to replenishment and the Assured Water Supply rules.
- Monitor proposals that would otherwise place mandates on or increase costs for CAGRD.

ENERGY

- Monitor legislative efforts that may impact CAP operations, including CAP's ability to secure affordable energy and ensure reliable transmission delivery.

AGENCY RULEMAKING

- Monitor state rulemaking and implementation related to energy, air quality, water quality and other issues that may affect CAP operations.