

2017 Central Arizona Project

State Legislative Agenda

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The following list describes CAP's state legislative agenda for calendar year 2017 and will guide the activities of CAP legislative staff and consultants during the Session.

The Public Affairs team will come before CAP's 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 year.

Protect Lake Mead

CAP Position: Continue to support water conservation and similar efforts that protect the water elevation in Lake Mead and help to avoid Colorado River shortage, including implementation of the Lower Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan, or DCP.

Support legislation as needed to implement multistate agreements relating to the Colorado River, including the DCP.

Continue to promote CAP's Protect Lake Mead campaign to raise awareness and support for cooperative efforts that are aimed at improving water elevations in the reservoir.



Arizona Water Resources

CAP Position: Continue to collaborate with various stakeholders on efforts to address in-state and interstate water resources.

Monitor legislative actions that directly impact CAP water supplies and operations.

Monitor legislative efforts that encourage in-state water conservation activities, including the use of residential rainwater harvesting systems.

Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Funding

CAP Position: Support the Arizona Game and Fish Department's efforts to collect and maintain revenues sufficient to continue its annual contribution toward the costs of the MSCP.

Monitor legislative and executive proposals that impact dedicated annual state funding of the MSCP.

Funding of State Water Agencies and Commissions

CAP Position: Support the efforts of the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission to secure sufficient state General Fund appropriations in order to carry out statutory functions.

Monitor legislative actions that propose to use funds available to the Arizona Water Banking Commission for other purposes.

Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR)

CAP Position: Monitor any proposed CAGRDR-related legislation to ensure its operations are not adversely impacted.

Promote awareness of CAGRDR's statutory functions, operations, and funding to inform lawmakers of its critical contribution to Arizona's water management and economic development.



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