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AGENDA

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2022 CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT AUTHORITIES AND OPERATIONS

CAP POSITION:

Monitor legislative and regulatory efforts that could impact CAP's contractual authorities or directly impact CAP water supplies and operations.

COLORADO RIVER WATER SUPPLY

CAP POSITION:

- Support the federal government's ability to address drought on the Colorado River, implementation of the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and Minute 323 by: providing appropriate funding for the Bureau of Reclamation's efforts to conserve 100,000 acre-feet or more per year as part of the federal government's DCP commitments; supporting development and implementation of additional collective actions, developed as a result of the "1030" consultations" to reduce the risks of Lake Mead declining below elevation 1,020'; and supporting implementation of Minute 323 for binational benefits.
- Cooperate with Federal, State, Tribal, and other stakeholders to improve the resilience of the Colorado River water supply through system conservation programs, enhanced water conservation, large-scale water augmentation activities including desalination, weather modification, water storage, water reuse and recycling programs, and continued protection of environmental values as well as investments in enhanced monitoring of Colorado River resources and improved understanding of climate change impacts on Colorado River Basin resources.
- Monitor legislative efforts for opportunities to support funding for Western water drought activities and aging infrastructure.

CYBERSECURITY

CAP POSITION:

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

CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

CAP POSITION:

Monitor proposals by the Executive and Congress to provide financing opportunities to modernize U.S. infrastructure and determine possible opportunities for CAP.

ENERGY

CAP POSITION:

Monitor legislative efforts that may impact CAP operations, including CAP's ability to secure affordable energy and ensure reliable transmission delivery, and proposals to address the impact of declining reservoir levels on hydropower.

WATER QUALITY AND SALINITY

CAP POSITION:

- Monitor water quality issues impacting the Colorado River that may affect CAP operations.
- Support the activities of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum, including efforts to secure adequate funding and improve water management.
- Support the efforts of the Lower Colorado River Water Quality Partnership to address water quality issues of the Colorado River.

INDIAN WATER RIGHTS AND SETTLEMENTS

CAP POSITION:

- Collaborate with Arizona Tribes and other stakeholders on issues related to resolving water rights claims and support opportunities to provide Arizona Tribes with Colorado River decreed water rights greater flexibility to manage their resources.
- Support legislation necessary and appropriate to enact the Hualapai Tribe water rights settlement.

LANDS

CAP POSITION:

Support the transfer and/or management of CAP lands located on Bureau of Land Management property to the Bureau of Reclamation.

FEDERAL RULEMAKING

CAP POSITION:

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

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