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STATE LEGISLATIVE

AGENDA

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2023 CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT AUTHORITIES AND OPERATIONS

CAP POSITION:

- 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

CAP POSITION:

- Support the implementation of the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), including implementation of the Arizona DCP Plan and 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 implementation of necessary measures consistent with the Water Efficiency Memorandum of Understanding.
- Support the further implementation of Minute 323 with 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, agriculture efficiency, potable reuse, and other related programs.
- Encourage continuation of broad-based stakeholder discussions on the impacts of Colorado River water supply reductions on the state, with engagement by the Executive and Legislature, as exemplified by the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council and the Arizona Reconsultation Committee.

ARIZONA WATER RESOURCES

CAP POSITION:

- Collaborate with elected officials and stakeholders on efforts to address in-state and interstate water resources issues, including implementation and funding of the expanded duties of the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority.
- Monitor legislative efforts that encourage in-state water conservation and augmentation activities.

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 and monitor legislative and executive proposals that impact such funding.

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 and maintain and recruit experienced staff.
- 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)

CAP POSITION:

- Monitor any proposed CAGRD-related legislation to ensure its operations are not adversely impacted, and maintain lawmakers' knowledge and awareness of CAGRD's statutory functions, operations, and funding.
- Ensure Build-to-Rent projects enrolled in the CAGRD pay appropriate fees, consistent with other single-family homes enrolled in the District.
- Engage in discussions with the State 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.
- Support current 100-year Assured Water Supply determination requirements in the Groundwater Management Act/Assured Water Supply Program.

ENERGY

CAP POSITION:

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

AGENCY RULEMAKING

CAP POSITION:

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