

# CAWCD Board Reconvenes for January 2019 Meeting

Details



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*Authorizes up to \$5 million for the CAP Ag Pool Groundwater Infrastructure and Efficiency Program*

The Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors (CAWCD) convened for its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 3. This was the first meeting for newly-elected board members Jennifer Martin and April Pinger, and marks the start of new terms for Lisa Atkins, Terry Goddard and Heather Macre.



The board heard a presentation

by Central Arizona Project (CAP) Water Policy Director Suzanne Ticknor and discussed Lower Basin Drought Contingency Planning efforts, specifically related to agriculture mitigation. The Board voted (13-1) to authorize a commitment of up to \$5 million in ad valorem taxes for the CAP Ag Pool Groundwater Infrastructure and Efficiency Program, subject to participation by other non-federal cost share partners and the development of a definitive program proposal that incorporates the need for recovery infrastructure.

Other actions included:

Appointment of Directors Mark Lewis, Jim Hartdegen and Pat Jacobs to chair the CAWCD Nominating Committee to bring candidates forward for the positions of CAWCD Board President, Vice President/Chair – Finance, Audit and Power Committee, Secretary/Chair – Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR) Committee and two executive committee members. These positions will be voted upon at the CAWCD board's February meeting, to be held Thursday, Feb. 7.

On consent, the board approved:

Short-term action plans for the Customer Service Task Force recommendations, including adding a form to the CAP website to allow the public to submit testimony in advance of board meetings; posting a summary of actions within three days following each meeting (as is currently done for full Board meetings); and creating a page on the CAP website to list tentative agenda topics for meetings looking 45 days out.

A Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) pilot system conservation project to provide system conservation water in 2019 with an option for additional system conservation in 2020.

The Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) Board of Directors is a popularly elected, 15-member board. Ten members are from Maricopa County, four from Pima County and one from Pinal. Members serve six-year, unpaid terms. The board typically meets publicly the first Thursday of each month to establish policy and set rates and taxes for Central Arizona Project.

For more information on the role of the CAWCD board and its current activities, visit [www.cap-az.com/board](http://www.cap-az.com/board)

. For additional details on the Jan. 3 board meeting, take a look at the agenda and minutes posted on the CAP website, as well as the video from the meeting's livestream.