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CAWCD Board Convenes for March Meeting

Details



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Board approves one more AZDCP agreement for Arizona ICS Program

The

Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors

(CAWCD) convened today for its

March Board of Directors Meeting

. Water Policy Director Suzanne Ticknor provided the Board with an update on Arizona's Lower Drought Contingency Plan implementation process, including a review of the remaining agreements

(pages 99 & 100). The CAWCD board approved one additional agreement today—the Framework Agreement amongst the United States, the State of Arizona and CAWCD for an Arizona ICS Program. The purpose of this agreement is to develop a program for creation, accumulation and delivery of ICS by Arizona Section V Contractors and CAP Settlement Tribes.

Tom McCann, deputy general manager, shared news about two recent awards – the North American Maintenance Excellence Award and the

Uptime Award for Best Asset Management Program

. The NAME Award, is quite rigorous and prestigious, and CAP is the first organization in the Southwest to receive this recognition. The Uptime Award recognizes the asset management program that resulted from CAWCD board direction in 2016 to implement international standards for excellence.

“These awards recognize our world-class performance maintaining the CAP system,” said McCann. “This is the result of the hard work of the entire CAP staff, especially the expertise of CAP’s craftsmen, tradesmen and maintenance professionals who ensure our customers can rely on the Colorado River water provided to them each day.”

CAWCD Director Ben Graff and Public Affairs Director Bridget Schwartz-Manock reported the progress on the Customer Service Task Force recommendations

(pages 80-94), including an electronic means of providing comments to the board prior to meetings; posting a Summary of Actions regarding Committee and Task Force actions within three business days of each meeting; a 45-day “look-ahead” calendar for issues to be considered by the board; a series of stakeholder roundtable discussions; and a customer feedback form.

Other actions taken today included:

Adopting a public policy position (pages 46-68) to monitor Arizona HB 2586 related to water supplies and groundwater replenishment credits

Approving the Hoover Firming Agreement (pages 70-71) between Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and CAWCD – this authorizes the purchase of up to 15 megawatt-hours of energy for each on-peak hour throughout the year, scheduling the energy to Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and CAWCD; WAPA would then raise CAWCD's monthly and weekly Hoover energy targets by amounts equal to the energy provided by CAWCD, saving more than \$1 million annually

Adopted a Reimbursement Resolution (pages 74-79) for up to \$35 million for potential revenue financing for CAGR water supply projects – this is a notice of intent and does not require CAWCD to issue bonds or any other financing

Authorized an agreement between CAWCD and Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District (MDWID) (pages 102 & 103) for compensated conservation – MDWID agrees to reduce its CAP M&I Priority water order by 3,500 acre feet and CAWCD agrees to pay MDWID for its reduced water order

Today's CAWCD board meeting also included updates on the

Colorado River Conditions

(pages 94-98) and a

Water Operations Update

(pages 102-110) highlighting 2018 water deliveries, the 2019 water year and the effect of recent storms on Lake Pleasant operations.

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

. For additional details on the March board meeting, take a look at the agenda

. Board minutes and videos will be posted here

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