

2015 Proposed State Legislative Agenda

August 26, 2014

The 52nd State Legislature's First Regular Session will begin on Monday, January 12, 2015. The following list describes CAWCD's draft proposed state legislative agenda for calendar year 2015 and, once developed, considered and approved by the Board of Directors, will guide the activities of CAP legislative staff and consultants during the upcoming Session.

The Business Planning and Governmental Programs Team will come before the Public Policy Committee on a regular basis to seek guidance and direction on these and other proposed state agency rules and legislative bills and amendments that may arise during the coming year.

Extension of CAP 4-Cent Tax

CAP Recommended Position: *Seek legislation to extend the expiration date of the Central Arizona Project 4-cent ad valorem tax from 2017 to 2045.*

Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR) De-Enrollment

CAP Recommended Position: *Seek legislation to create a mechanism for properties to de-enroll from the CAGR under certain conditions.*

Arizona Department of Water Resources Funding

CAP Recommended Position: *Monitor the Legislature's budgeting processes and agency rulemaking to ensure the Arizona Department of Water Resources' current level of funding is maintained.*

Multi-Species Conservation Program Funding

CAP Recommended 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.*

Arizona Water Protection Fund

CAP Recommended Position: *Monitor the status of the Arizona Water Protection Fund and efforts to maintain sufficient levels of funding.*

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Hualapai Water Rights Settlement

CAP Recommended Position: *Monitor legislation necessary and appropriate to implement the Hualapai settlement.*

Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District

CAP Recommended Position: *Monitor any proposed legislation to the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District to ensure CAGRD operations are not negatively impacted.*

Arizona Water Resources

CAP Recommended Position: *Monitor any new efforts to address in-state and interstate water resources. Support legislation as needed to implement multistate agreements relating to the Colorado River.*

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