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Brenda Burman assumes her role as Central Arizona Project's general manager

Phoenix, Ariz. (January 5, 2023) Brenda Burman has become Central Arizona Project's fifth General Manager and the first woman to be selected for the position. Burman joined CAP in 2021, advising on issues as the organization prepared for its first Tier 1 Colorado River shortage in 2022 and Tier 2a shortage in 2023. She drew upon her experience as commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation from 2017 to early 2021 where she dealt with the long-term drought on the Colorado River and in other Western river basins, as well as aging infrastructure, decreased supplies due to climate change and increasing environmental concerns.

"It is my great honor to serve the CAWCD Board and to lead CAP as we face such a pivotal year in 2023," says Brenda Burman. "I've worked on Western water issues for 25 years and that's because, to me, water is everything, especially in the desert we call home. I'm humbled to be leading this organization that is so vital to our quality of life and to our economy, bringing water to nearly 6 million people, including tribes, cities, businesses and agriculture. There is much to do and I'm confident we have the team in place to face the many issues confronting us."

During her career, Burman has worked with diverse partners to find durable, innovative solutions for water, energy and environmental challenges. She has worked across the water community in private legal practice, as the water and energy counsel for U.S. Senator Jon Kyl, as senior water policy advisor for The Nature Conservancy, and in senior positions for water districts, including the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Salt River Project.



“Brenda is a strong leader who is singularly qualified to meet the very real challenges Arizona faces in 2023,” says Terry Goddard, CAWCD President. “Her widely varied professional experience in water policy and government operations has prepared her for the negotiations on the Colorado River in the time of unprecedented shortage.”

Burman holds a bachelor of arts degree from Kenyon College in Ohio. After college, she worked as a park ranger at the Grand Canyon before earning her juris doctor degree from the University of Arizona College of Law.

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About Central Arizona Project

Central Arizona Project (CAP) delivers water to Maricopa, Pima and Pinal counties. CAP carries water from Lake Havasu near Parker to the southern boundary of the San Xavier Indian Reservation southwest of Tucson. It is a 336-mile long system of aqueducts, tunnels, pumping plants and pipelines. www.CentralArizonaProject.com