



Arizona Department of Water Resources

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Arizona Department of Water Resources to hold meeting to discuss water conditions in Southeastern Arizona

PHOENIX (February 22, 2016) - The Arizona Department of Water Resources (Department) will hold a meeting on March 5th to discuss water conditions in the Cochise Planning Area, which is located in southeastern Arizona (see attached map). This meeting is the first of a series of meetings to examine water resource demand and challenges for the area.

The meeting will include an overview of groundwater conditions and regulatory tools available to the area. During the meeting, the public will have the opportunity to provide information regarding their water issues to the Department.

Meeting Details:

Date: March 5, 2016
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Main Hall at the Willcox Community Center - 312 W Stewart St, Willcox, AZ 85643

This meeting and future meetings are part of Governor Ducey's Water Initiative for the State. Through the Planning Area Stakeholder Process, the Department will work closely with rural areas and local stakeholders to define their water resource issues and identify strategies that will be successful in assisting with meeting future water demands.

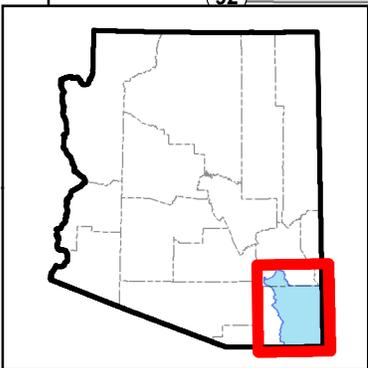
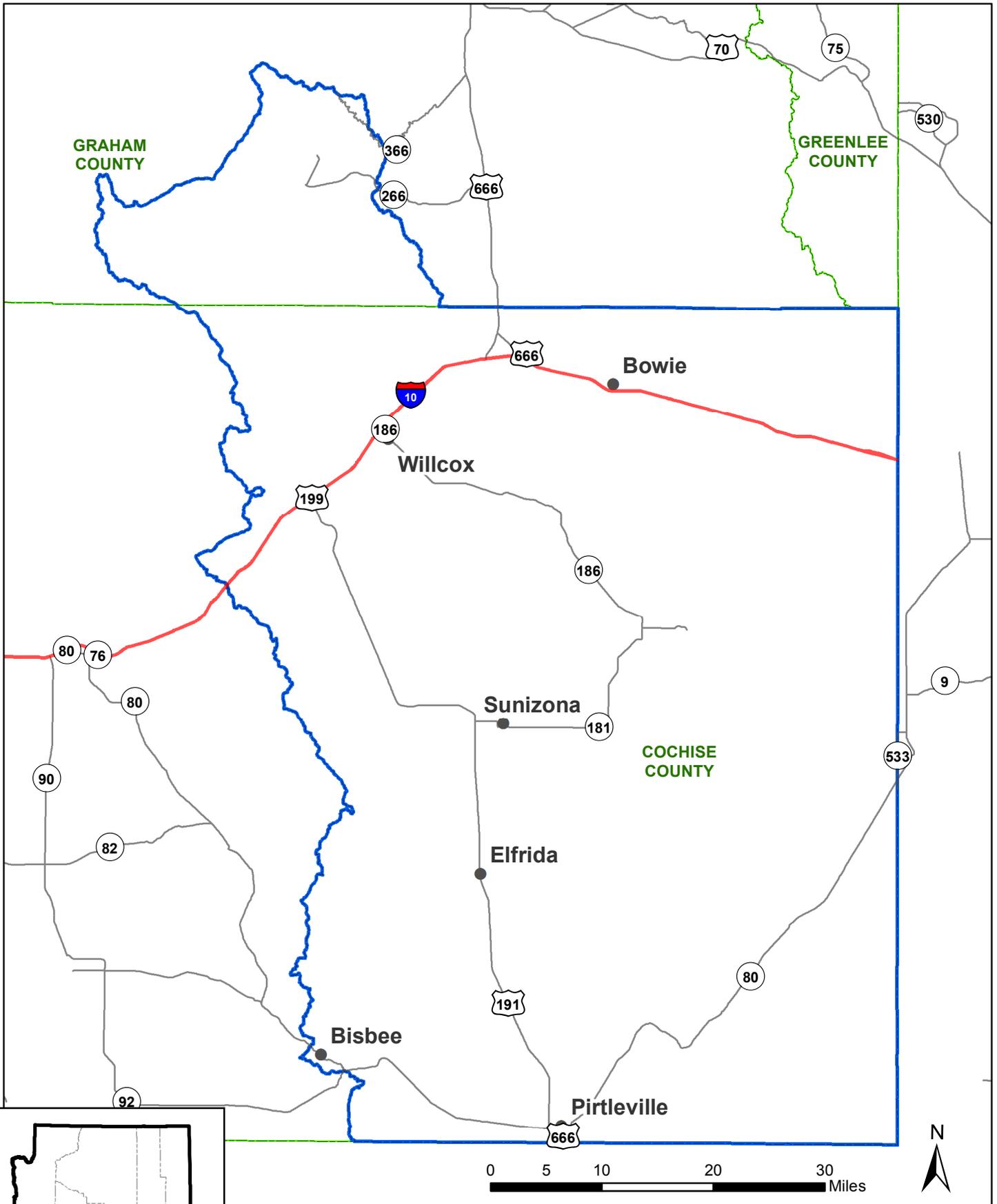
"We recognize the water resource challenges facing rural communities and look forward to working collaboratively with local stakeholders to develop a better path to securing Arizona's sustainable water future," said Arizona Department of Water Resources Director Thomas Buschatzke.

On October 5, 2015, Governor Ducey announced his Water Initiative to help ensure the certainty and vitality of Arizona's water supplies for future generations. In addition to the Planning Area Stakeholder Process, the Water Initiative involves the creation of the Governor's Water Augmentation Council, which will investigate long-term water augmentation strategies, additional water conservation opportunities, funding, and infrastructure needs to help secure water supplies for Arizona's future.

Information regarding Arizona's Water Initiative is available at: http://www.azwater.gov/AzDWR/Arizona_Water_Initiative/index.htm

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