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Non-Indian Agricultural Priority Central Arizona Project Water Reallocation Public Meeting Notice

The Arizona Water Settlements Act and the Arizona Water Settlement Agreement provided for the reallocation of 96,295 acre-feet of relinquished Non-Indian Agricultural (NIA) Priority Central Arizona Project (CAP) water. This water was reallocated to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (Department) and is held in trust for further allocation by the Secretary of the Interior. The Director of the Department shall submit a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior for the allocation of this water to specified municipal and industrial water users.

The Department has drafted a proposed process to reallocate this 96,295 acre-feet of NIA Priority CAP water in periodic intervals, and evaluation criteria to recommend reallocation of 75,782 acre-feet of this water by 2014. The Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) has developed proposed pricing components for this reallocation. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has drafted a review process for receiving the Department's recommendation for the allocation.

The proposed process, evaluation criteria, pricing components, and review process of the recommended allocation will be presented during a public meeting presented jointly by the Department, CAWCD, and Reclamation:

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2012
Time: 1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.
Place: Arizona Department of Water Resources
Verde Conference Room
3550 N. Central Avenue; Second Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

The Department will accept public comment on the process, criteria and pricing policy at this meeting. Written comments may also be submitted through Friday, October 19, 2012. Written comments should be addressed to:

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Discussion materials for the meeting will be made available on the Department's website at www.azwater.gov beginning on Monday, September 17, 2012. Responses to the received comments will be made available on the Department's website on Wednesday, November 21, 2012. The Department will make the final adopted reallocation policy and application information available on the website on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Questions may be directed to Michelle Moreno at 602-771-8530 or mamoreno@azwater.gov.

Parking Information:

The Department's offices are located on the Southwest corner of Central Avenue and Columbus. Free parking is available at the Department's employee parking entrance located south of Second Avenue and Columbus.

People with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations such as interpreters, alternate formats, or assistant with physical accessibility. If you require accommodations, please contact our office at (602) 771-8530, or via e-mail: mamoreno@azwater.gov. Please make requests as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.