



# Arizona Department of Water Resources

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## Arizona Department of Water Resources to hold meeting to discuss water conditions in Western Maricopa County and Southeastern La Paz County

PHOENIX (January 20, 2016) - The Arizona Department of Water Resources (Department) will hold a meeting on January 30th to discuss water conditions in the West Basins Planning Area, which is located west of Phoenix (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 concerns to the Department.

### Meeting Details

Date: January 30, 2016  
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Centennial Community Center, 69725 Centennial Park Rd., Wenden, Arizona 85357

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.

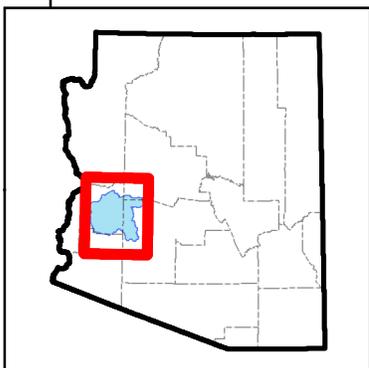
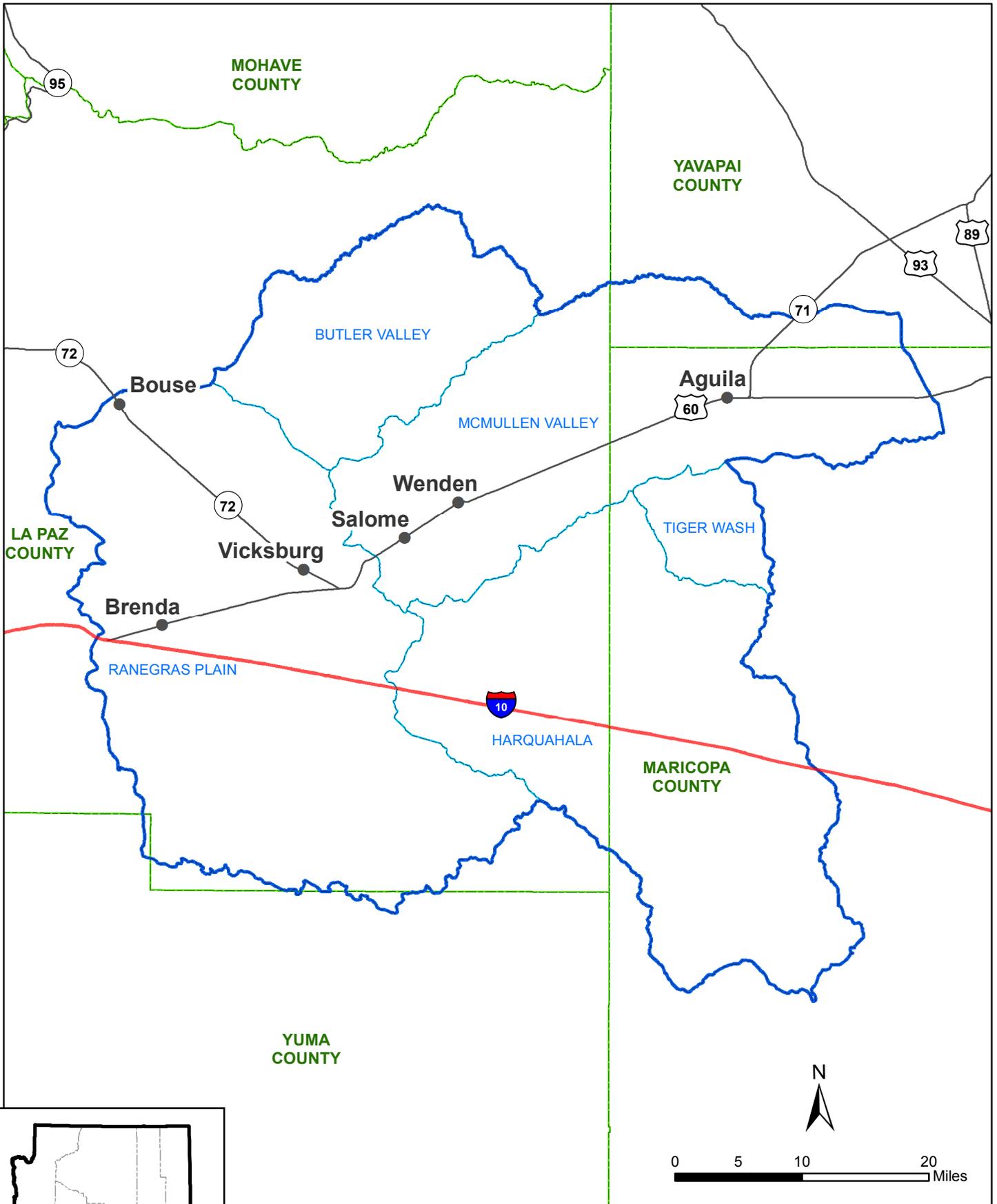
"We are gratified that the Director of ADWR has requested the opportunity to meet and share with the stakeholders in the McMullen Valley the mitigations and sustainability solutions that will provide the security residents, businesses and farmers are looking for going forward. And so, on behalf of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors, I urge you to attend this public meeting and make sure your needs, concerns and voices are heard," said La Paz County Supervisor Holly Irwin.

On October 5, 2015, Governor Ducey announced his Water Initiative to secure sustainable water supplies for Arizona's future. 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/PublicInformationOfficer/ArizonaWaterInitiative.htm>

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# West Basins

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