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### **Arizona's Next Century: A Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability**

PHOENIX- The Arizona Department of Water Resources released a report, *Arizona's Next Century: A Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability*, that provides a foundation for Arizona's continued economic prosperity and growth in its next Century. The Strategic Vision assesses current and projected demands and water supplies that have been identified in recent reports and provides potential strategies that will help Arizona meet its future needs. Recent studies have identified the potential for a long-term imbalance between available water supplies and projected water demands over the next 100 years if no action is taken. The Strategic Vision creates the framework for addressing future water supply challenges and helps to secure sufficient and dependable water supplies for Arizona. The Strategic Vision has been prepared at the request of Governor Brewer and is identified as part of her January 13, 2014 "The Four Cornerstones of Reform", building on Arizona's past successes to meet our future challenges in water supply sustainability.

"While, the State as a whole is not currently facing an immediate water crisis, Arizona is at a point where it must begin to face future water supply and management challenges," said Arizona Department of Water Resources Director, Sandy Fabritz-Whitney. "We are at the crossroads of having to decide what actions we will take to face those challenges. Now is the time to begin addressing this challenge. The Strategic Vision for Arizona is a necessary next step in continuing to ensure that Arizona has sufficient and sustainable water supplies."

Over the next 25 to 100 years, Arizona will need to identify and develop additional water supplies to meet projected growing water demands. While there may be viable local water supplies that have not yet been developed, water supply acquisition and importation will be required for some areas of the State to realize their full growth potential.

"Arizona's future success depends on how effectively we continue to manage our water resources and develop new water supplies and infrastructure. Our past and present success, while noteworthy and vital to our way of life, cannot sustain Arizona's economic development forever and we must continue to plan and invest in our water resources" said Director Fabritz-Whitney.

The Arizona Department of Water Resources will begin a statewide outreach tour to present the Strategic Vision and receive input from local stakeholders and other interested parties.

The report and presentation dates are available at:  
[http://www.azwater.gov/AzDWR/Arizonas\\_Strategic\\_Vision/](http://www.azwater.gov/AzDWR/Arizonas_Strategic_Vision/)

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