

Proposed Rulemaking to Delay Pinal AMA Extinguishment Credit Reduction

On May 15, 2014, the Department filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Office of the Secretary of State to amend the Assured Water Supply (AWS) Rules for the Pinal Active Management Area (AMA). If adopted, this rulemaking will delay, until January 1, 2019, the first reduction in the annual allocation used to calculate credits for the extinguishment of grandfathered groundwater rights in the Pinal AMA.

This delay in the reduction schedule is designed to allow water users and other interested parties in the Pinal AMA, including the Pinal Local Water Group, additional time to examine conditions within the AMA and offer alternatives for meeting the AMA's management goal prior to the first allocation factor reduction. Information on the Pinal Local Water Group can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) to view the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking filed with the Secretary of State's Office showing the proposed rule amendments. An oral proceeding will be held on July 7, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. in Coolidge, Arizona to allow members of the public an opportunity to provide oral or written comments on the proposed rulemaking. Please see the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for additional information regarding the oral proceeding and providing comments.