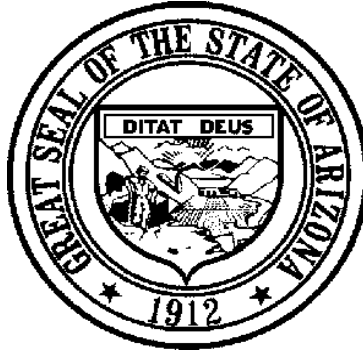


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KAREN SMITH NAMED DEPUTY ADWR DIRECTOR

Director Herb Guenther announced today he has named Karen Smith as Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

Ms. Smith will leave her position as Director of the Water Quality Division of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, which she has held since 1998, to assume her new duties.

"We're fortunate to have someone of Karen's caliber to join our management team at this critical time for Arizona's water future," said Guenther. "Her long experience with water issues makes her a good fit in the organization."

At ADEQ, Ms. Smith headed a division with a budget of over \$15 million and approximately 200 employees. Her responsibilities included ensuring the safety of drinking water from public water systems, developing water quality management plans, establishing water quality standards, and responding to emergencies.

She also has been a member of the Governor's Drought Task Force, the Governor's Colorado River Water Quality Task Force, and the Perchlorate Working Group.

Ms. Smith spent 16 years with the Salt River Project. She has a Ph.D. from the University of California at Santa Barbara and has published works on water resources in Arizona. Ms. Smith also is an adjunct professor at Arizona State University.