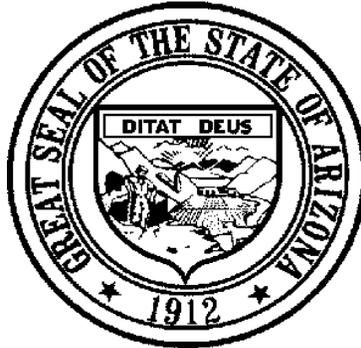


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CAGRDR PLAN HEARINGS SET

The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) will hold a series of public hearings in Phoenix, Tucson, and Casa Grande to discuss the proposed Plan of Operation for the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR).

The public hearings will be held in:

- TUCSON:** 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 21
Arizona State Complex, Room 158
400 West Congress
Tucson, Arizona 85701
- CASA GRANDE:** 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005
1729 N. Trekeil Road, Suite 105
Casa Grande, Arizona 85222
- PHOENIX:** 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2005
Conference Room A
Arizona Department of Water Resources
500 North Third Street
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The CAGRDR is the entity responsible for replenishing groundwater to guarantee consistency with the management goal for assured water supply purposes for its member lands and member service areas. The CAGRDR serves member lands and member service areas in the Phoenix, Tucson and Pinal Active Management Areas (AMAs).

The CAGR D has submitted its proposed 10-year Plan of Operation for review by the ADWR Director and the public. Under state law, the Director must determine that the proposed plan is consistent with achieving the management goals for each AMA if all of the following have been demonstrated:

1. The plan identifies sufficient water supplies to meet replenishment obligations for the next 20 years, and identifies additional water supplies potentially available for projected replenishment obligations for the next 100 years.
2. The replenishment reserve target for each AMA was calculated according to statute and the CAGR D is developing a replenishment reserve in each AMA as required by statute.
3. The plan identifies sufficient capacity at storage facilities and projects to be used for replenishment purposes for 20 years following submission of the plan.
4. The plan reasonably estimates the CAGR D's projected replenishment obligations for 100 years.

For further information, including directions to the hearing locations and a map showing the locations of the Phoenix, Tucson and Pinal AMAs, please visit ADWR's website at www.azwater.gov .