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### **ADWR, town work to certify Villago Lake as "legal"**

The Arizona Department of Water Resources and the City of Casa Grande are nearing completion of their discussions concerning the status of Villago Lake.

Under the "lakes" bill enacted by the Legislature in 1985, a city or town may own and operate a lake that is filled with groundwater so long as the lake is part of a recreational facility open to the public.

Villago Lake, east of Pinal Avenue on the north side of Casa Grande, is owned and operated by the city. It is surrounded by a concrete trail connected to the city's Villago Park, a short distance north of the lake.

To ensure a body of water in a recreational facility meets the legal requirements, there must be adequate parking and clearly visible signage that identifies the facility as open to the public.

Once ADWR is satisfied those steps have been taken, the lake will be legal within the guidelines established by law, said Randy Edmond, area manager for the Pinal AMA.

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