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Governor lauds Rep. Lucy Mason's work on water issues

Governor Janet Napolitano will visit Prescott on Friday to honor State Rep. Lucy Mason for her "tireless commitment to Arizona's most vital resource issue – water."

The Governor will preside at a ceremonial bill signing for House Bill 2692 in the Yavapai Board of Supervisors Chambers. The legislation creates a fund that assists local government in developing their water supplies. Use of the Water Development Revolving Fund is restricted to communities that have adopted the authority under state law to reject proposed developments lacking adequate water supplies.

Rep. Mason, R-Prescott, is chairman of the House Water & Agriculture Committee. The law, enacted during the 2007 legislative session, affords communities access to loans or grants for water supply development. Uses of the funds include planning, design, and purchasing. Projects often will include pipelines and pumping plants for importing water.

"Representative Mason has exhibited a tireless commitment to Arizona's most vital resource issue – water," the Governor said. "The package of water legislation passed last session is proof of that.

"She is a valuable asset to her community and the state. I look forward to working with her as we continue dealing with some of the most severe challenges in Arizona's history – unprecedented drought at a time of unprecedented growth."

Rep. Mason is a fourth-generation Arizona whose family has a long history in cattle ranching and land management. A former Prescott City Councilman who specialized in water issues, Rep. Mason also is a founding member of the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee.

"I'm very pleased the Governor is joining me in Prescott to sign this bill that is so important to the future growth in Yavapai County and the state," Rep. Mason said. "As Arizonans, we are known for our ability to plan for a future that assures our children and grandchildren will inherit a thriving state secure in the condition of its natural resources. I applaud the Governor's leadership in ensuring all Arizonans have access to a safe and reliable source of water."

Time: 2 p.m.

Date: Friday, March 14

Place: Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chambers
1015 Fair Street, Prescott, AZ

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