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Arizona-Mexico Commission (AMC) creates new Water Committee *Arizona-Sonora continue to collaborate, address regional water resource issues*

Phoenix—The Arizona-Mexico Commission (AMC) and the Comisión Sonora-Arizona (CSA) Friday created a new Water Committee to address critical water resource issues in the Arizona-Sonora region. The committee will be comprised of public and private sector co-chairs from Arizona and Sonora, Mexico.

The committee's mission is to coordinate water management planning in the Arizona-Sonora region that emphasizes collaboration on programs for the advancement of economic, social and environmental benefits of both states, and to create constructive solutions to shared water issues.

The new AMC-CSA Water Committee will:

- Serve as a forum for constructive discussion of Arizona-Sonora water quantity issues.
- Advance water management planning in the Arizona-Sonora region and promote innovation, education and identification of opportunities for mutual benefit.
- Enhance scientific understanding of transboundary aquifers and watersheds through data exchange, research and promotion of binational cooperation among water resources managers and scientists.
- Enhance quality of life and economic development opportunities, including investments in municipal, industrial, agricultural, commercial and tourism sectors, by working to protect shared water resources, wetlands and riparian habitats along the Arizona-Sonora border.
- Engage with the private sector and academic institutions to promote Arizona-Sonora economic development by researching and innovating water management practices and water conservation technologies.
- Prepare the Arizona-Sonora region for the shared impacts of prolonged droughts and the possibility of supply shortages on the Colorado River.

The committee co-chairs will be announced once the AMC and CSA confirm individuals for the positions. To get involved with the AMC's new Water Committee or learn more about all of the AMC committees contact Lorena Rueda, Project Manager for Committees, at (602) 542-1358, or by e-mail at lrueda@az.gov. Visit the AMC online anytime at www.azmc.org.

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