

*Arizona's Next Century:
A Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability*



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Governor's New Water Initiative

Governor Ducey announced a new water initiative “through ADWR to help ensure the certainty and vitality of Arizona’s water supply long into the future”

- Announcement made on October 5, 2015; Water Initiative implemented with the signing of Executive Order 2015-13 on December 16, 2015
- Continues the work published in the Strategic Vision
- Initiative involves two parallel tracks
 1. Planning Area Stakeholder Process
 2. Governor’s Water Augmentation Council



What is a Planning Area?



- *New way of looking at state*
- *Divides state into solution oriented regions*
- *22 planning areas in the state*

Planning Area Stakeholder Process

- Will prioritize and evaluate all of the 22 Planning Areas identified in the Strategic Vision
- ADWR will work closely with stakeholders in each Planning Area to refine water supply and demand components and identify strategies to meet future water demands
- Goal to develop stakeholder driven set of solutions for future water demand and supply imbalances
- Goal is to complete the process within 1 year

Next Steps in the Planning Area Process

- Additional stakeholder meetings and discussions will be scheduled by ADWR in the West Basins and Cochise Planning Areas
- Well measurements will continue
- Well sweep of Ranegras Plain Basin in West Basins
- Finalize Hydrologic Monitoring Report and groundwater model for Cochise
- ADWR portal available for stakeholders to provide information
- Irrigation field verification (beginning Spring 2016)

Governor's Water Augmentation Council

- Chaired by ADWR Director
- Members appointed by the Governor (30)
- ADWR will provide staffing and technical assistance
- Provide an annual report to the Governor by July 1 of every year describing activities and recommendations
- Group will meet quarterly
- First topic of discussion will be conservation

Questions?

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