

1 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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) PUBLIC COMMENTS

5 CENTRAL ARIZONA GROUNDWATER)

REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT'S)

6 PLAN OF OPERATION)

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10 At: Phoenix, Arizona

11 Date: March 30, 2015

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that the above-entitled matter
2 came on regularly to be heard before the Arizona
3 Department of Water Resources, 3550 North Central
4 Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, commencing at 9:32 a.m., on
5 the 30th day of March, 2015.
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8 BEFORE:

9 DOUGLAS W. DUNHAM, Hearing Officer
10 Special Assistant to the Director and
11 Legislative Liaison
12 DENNIS RULE, CAGRD Manager
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14 APPEARANCES:

15 On behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources:
16 JENNIFER HEIM, Deputy Counsel
17 ADWR - Legal Division
18 3550 North Central Avenue
19 Phoenix, Arizona 85012

20 ALSO PRESENT:

21 SHARON SCANTLEBURY, Docket Supervisor
22 MICHELLE MORENO, Public Information Officer
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24 GARY W. HILL, RMR, CRR
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1 HEARING OFFICER DUNHAM: This is the time and
2 place for the public hearing on the Central Arizona
3 Groundwater Replenishment District's proposed Plan of
4 Operation. In attendance is a court reporter that will
5 be transcribing today's proceedings.

6 For the record, it is Monday, March 30, 2015,
7 and the time is 9:02 (sic) a.m. We are in the office of
8 the Department of Water Resources at 3550 North Central
9 Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

10 My name is Doug Dunham. I'm the Department of
11 Water Resources' Legislative Liaison and Special
12 Assistant to the Director. I will be the hearing
13 officer today.

14 With me today from the Department are Jennifer
15 Heim, Deputy Counsel; Sharon Scantlebury, the Docket
16 Supervisor; and Michelle Moreno, Public Information
17 Officer for the Department. Here on behalf of the CAGRD
18 is CAGRD Manager Dennis Rule.

19 The purpose of this hearing is to provide the
20 public an opportunity to comment or to present evidence
21 on the proposed Plan of Operation. If you haven't
22 already done so, please sign the sign-in sheet located
23 on the table out front of the conference room. If you
24 would like to provide oral comments today, please fill
25 out a speaker card, also located on the tables out

1 front. Please return those speaker cards to Sharon
2 Scantlebury who is sitting to my right here.

3 The Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment
4 District, or CAGRD, is responsible for replenishing
5 groundwater used on member lands and within member
6 service areas in order to guarantee consistency with the
7 management goal for assured water supply purposes. The
8 CAGRD serves member lands and member service areas in
9 the Phoenix, Pinal and Tucson AMAs. Every ten years,
10 the CAGRD is required to submit a ten-year Plan of
11 Operation to the Arizona Department of Water Resources,
12 and the Director of the Department must determine
13 whether the Plan is consistent with the management goals
14 of the Phoenix, Pinal and Tucson AMAs.

15 Last December, the CAGRD submitted its
16 proposed ten-year Plan of Operation for review by the
17 Department and by the public. A copy of the Plan of
18 Operation and supplemental materials provided by the
19 CAGRD have been made available on the Department's
20 website. The Director has determined that the CAGRD has
21 provided sufficient information to determine whether the
22 Plan is consistent with achieving the management goals
23 for the three AMAs. The Director must now determine
24 whether the proposed plan is consistent with achieving
25 the management goals for each AMA.

1 The Plan must meet four criteria in order for
2 the Director to find that it is consistent with
3 achieving the AMA's management goals.

4 No. 1. The Plan must identify sufficient
5 water supplies to meet the replenishment obligations for
6 current CAGRD members during the next 20 calendar years
7 and additional water supplies potentially available for
8 the projected replenishment obligation during the next
9 100 years for current members and potential members
10 based on reasonable projections of real property and
11 service areas that could qualify for membership within
12 the next ten years.

13 No. 2. The Plan must include a replenishment
14 reserve target for each AMA, calculated according to
15 statute, and demonstrate that the CAGRD is developing a
16 replenishment reserve in each AMA as required by
17 statute.

18 No. 3. The Plan must identify sufficient
19 capacity at storage facilities and projects to be used
20 for replenishment purposes during the next 20 years.

21 And finally No. 4. The Plan must reasonably
22 estimate CAGRD's projected replenishment obligations for
23 the next 100 years.

24 Only comments on those four criteria will be
25 received during this hearing.

1 In addition to receiving comments during the
2 hearing today, the Department will keep the hearing
3 record open until Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.
4 to allow persons to submit written comments on the Plan
5 to the Department until then. Written comments may be
6 submitted by mail, e-mail or fax. Comments submitted by
7 e-mail or fax must be received by the Department by 5:00
8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Comments submitted by
9 mail must be postmarked no later than April 8, 2015.

10 All written comments should be sent to Sharon
11 Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor, the Arizona Department
12 of Water Resources. Sharon's mailing address is 3550
13 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Her
14 e-mail address is sscantlebury@azwater.gov. Her fax
15 number is 602-771-8686. And I will repeat that
16 information at the end of this hearing.

17 The CAGRD must respond in writing to all
18 public comments received by the Department, whether
19 presented at this hearing or submitted in writing to the
20 Docket Supervisor by the April 8 deadline. The
21 Department will post the hearing transcript, written
22 comments and the CAGRD's responses to comments on its
23 website upon receipt.

24 The Director must issue a decision on whether
25 the Plan of Operation is consistent with achieving the

1 management goals of the three AMAs within 120 days after
2 the hearing record closes on April 8, 2015.

3 I will now begin calling the names of persons
4 who filled out speaker cards indicating that they wish
5 to speak. If you wish to speak but did not fill out a
6 speaker card, please fill one out located at the table
7 outside this room.

8 MS. HEIM: May I make one correction for the
9 record? I may have misheard, but the hearing began at
10 9:32, approximately, which is in accordance with our
11 Notice of Public Hearing. I believe you may have said
12 9:02.

13 HEARING OFFICER DUNHAM: Did I? I apologize.
14 9:32.

15 MS. SCANTLEBURY: I have no cards.

16 HEARING OFFICER DUNHAM: We apparently have no
17 cards submitted at this point. Is there anyone who
18 would like to submit a card? Going once.

19 Seeing none, thank you very much to all of you
20 for participating in this process. Your comments will
21 be considered by the Director of the Department.

22 As I mentioned earlier, the record for this
23 public hearing will remain open for the submittal of
24 written comments on the Plan of Operation until
25 Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Comments submitted by e-mail

1 or fax must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 8.
2 Comments sent by mail must be postmarked no later than
3 April 8. All comments should be addressed to Sharon
4 Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor, Arizona of Department of
5 Water Resources. Again, the mailing address is 3550
6 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Sharon's
7 fax number is 602-771-8686. Her e-mail is
8 sscantlebury@azwater.gov.

9 This hearing is adjourned.

10 (The proceeding concluded at 9:39 a.m.)
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1 STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF MARICOPA)

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3 BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing proceedings were
4 taken before me; that the foregoing pages are a full,
5 true, and accurate record of the proceedings all done to
6 the best of my skill and ability; that the proceedings
7 were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter
8 reduced to print under my direction.

9 I CERTIFY that I am in no way related to any of
10 the parties hereto nor am I in any way interested in the
11 outcome hereof.

12 I CERTIFY that I have complied with the
13 ethical obligations set forth in ACJA 7-206(F)(3) and
14 ACJA 7-206 (J)(1)(g)(1) and (2). Dated at Phoenix,
15 Arizona, this 31ST day of March, 2015.

16 GARY W. HILL, RMR, CRR
17 Certified Reporter
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19 I CERTIFY that Coash & Coash, Inc., has complied
20 with the ethical obligations set forth in ACJA 7-206
21 (J)(1)(g)(1) through (6).

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