

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

CAGRD PLAN OF OPERATION

PUBLIC HEARING

April 1, 2015

2:06 p.m.

400 West Congress Street

Tucson, Arizona

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1           MR. DUNHAM: This is the time and place for the  
2 public hearing on the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment  
3 District's proposed Plan of Operation. In attendance is a court  
4 reporter that will be transcribing today's proceeding. For the  
5 record, it's Wednesday, April 1st, 2015, and the time is 2:06  
6 p.m. We're at 400 West Congress Street in Tucson, Arizona.  
7 When we arrived here today, we learned that our hearing room was  
8 changed to room 222, which is the room we're in today. Michelle  
9 Moreno with the Department, our Public Information Officer, has  
10 been stationed outside the original hearing room and has been  
11 directing members of the public to this room.

12           My name is Doug Dunham. I'm the Department of Water  
13 Resources' Legislative Liaison and Special Assistant to the  
14 Director. I will be the hearing officer today. With me today  
15 from the Department are Jennifer Heim, Deputy Chief Counsel, and  
16 Michelle Moreno, Public Information Officer. Here on behalf of  
17 CAGRD is CAGRD Manager Dennis Rule.

18           The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public  
19 an opportunity to comment or to present evidence on the proposed  
20 Plan of Operation. If you haven't already done so, please sign  
21 the sign-in sheet located at the back of the conference room.  
22 If you would like to provide oral comments today, please fill  
23 out a speaker card, also located in the back of the conference  
24 room. Please return them to Michelle or -- thank you -- or  
25 Jennifer, if you would care to speak today.

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

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

24                   Number one. The plan must identify sufficient water  
25 supplies to meet the replenishment obligations for current CAGRD

1 members during the next 20 calendar years, and additional water  
2 supplies potentially available for the projected replenishment  
3 obligations during the next 100 years for current and potential  
4 members, based on reasonable projections of real property and  
5 service areas that could qualify for membership in the next ten  
6 years.

7 Two. The Plan must include a replenishment reserve  
8 target for each AMA, calculated according to statute, and  
9 demonstrate that the CAGR D is developing a replenishment reserve  
10 in each AMA as required by statute.

11 Three. The plan must identify sufficient capacity  
12 at storage facilities and projects to be used for replenishment  
13 purposes during the next 20 years, and,

14 Four. The plan must reasonably estimate CAGR D's  
15 projected replenishment obligations for the next 100 years.

16 Only comments on those four criteria will be  
17 received at this hearing.

18 In addition to receiving comments during the hearing  
19 today, the Department will keep the hearing record open until  
20 Wednesday, April 8th, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. to allow persons to  
21 submit written comments on the Plan to the Department. Written  
22 comments may be submitted by mail, email or by fax. Comments  
23 submitted by email or fax must be received by the Department by  
24 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8th, 2015. Comments submitted by  
25 mail must be postmarked no later than April 8th, 2015. All

1 written comments should be sent to Sharon Scantlebury, Docket  
2 Supervisor, Arizona Department of Water Resources. Sharon's  
3 mailing address is 3550 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona,  
4 85012. Her email address is sscantlebury @ az water dot gov.  
5 That's S-S-C-A-N-T-L-E-B-U-R-Y @ A-Z water dot gov. Her fax  
6 number is 602-771-8686. I will repeat that information at the  
7 end of this hearing.

8 The CAGRD must respond in writing to all public  
9 comments received by the Department, whether presented at this  
10 hearing or submitted in writing to the Docket Supervisor by the  
11 April 8th deadline. The Department will post the hearing  
12 transcript, written comments, and CAGRD's responses to comments  
13 on its website upon receipt. The Director must issue a decision  
14 on whether the Plan of Operation is consistent with achieving  
15 the management goals of the three AMAs within 120 days after the  
16 hearing record closes on April 8th, 2015.

17 I will now begin calling the names of persons who  
18 filled out speaker cards indicating they wish to speak. If you  
19 wish to speak, but did not fill out a speaker card, please fill  
20 out a speaker card located on the table at the back of this  
21 room.

22 Seeing no speaker cards, thank you very much to all  
23 of you for participating in this process. Your comments will be  
24 considered by the Director of the Department.

25 As I mentioned earlier, the record for this public

1 hearing will remain open for the submittal of written comments  
2 on the Plan of Operation until Wednesday, April 8th, 2015.  
3 Comments submitted by email or fax must be received by 5:00 p.m.  
4 on April 8th. Comments submitted by mail must be postmarked no  
5 later than April 8th. All comments should be addressed to  
6 Sharon Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor, Arizona Department of  
7 Water Resources. That mailing address is 3550 North Central  
8 Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85012. Sharon's fax number is  
9 602-771-8686. Her email address is sscantlebury @ az water dot  
10 gov. That's S-S-C-A-N-T-L-E-B-U-R-Y @ A-Z water dot gov.

11 This public hearing is now adjourned.

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13 (The hearing adjourned at 2:15 p.m.)  
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4 BE IT KNOWN I, Melissa J. Hart, took the foregoing  
5 proceedings at the time and place stated in the caption hereto;  
6 that I was then and there a Certified Reporter in and for the  
7 State of Arizona; that the proceedings were reduced to writing  
8 under my direction; and that the foregoing pages contain a full,  
9 true, and accurate transcript of my notes of said proceedings.

10 Signed and dated this 13th day of April, 2015.

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16 Melissa J. Hart, RPR  
17 Certified Reporter,  
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