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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

CAGRD PLAN OF OPERATION

PUBLIC HEARING

April 1, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Central Arizona College  
8470 N. Overfield Road  
Coolidge, 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 is Wednesday, April 1st, 2015, and the time is 9:02  
6 a.m. We are at the Central Arizona College, 8470 North  
7 Overfield Road, Coolidge, Arizona.

8           My name is Doug Dunham. I am the Department of  
9 Water Resources Legislative Liaison and Special Assistant to the  
10 Director. I will be the hearing officer today. With me from  
11 the Department are Jennifer Heim, Deputy Counsel, and Michelle  
12 Moreno, Public Information Officer. Here on behalf of the CAGR  
13 is CAGR Manager Dennis Rule, at the table with me.

14           The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public  
15 an opportunity to comment or to present evidence on the proposed  
16 Plan of Operation. If you haven't already done so, please sign  
17 in with the sign-in sheet located at the back of the auditorium.  
18 If you would like to provide oral comments today, please fill  
19 out a speaker card, also located in the back of the room.  
20 Please return them to Michelle Moreno, also standing in the  
21 back.

22           The Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment  
23 District, or CAGR, is responsible for replenishing groundwater  
24 used on member lands and within member service areas, in order  
25 to guarantee consistency with the management goal for assured

1 water supply purposes. The CAGRD serves member lands and member  
2 service areas in Phoenix, Pinal, and Tucson AMAs. Every ten  
3 years the CAGRD is required to submit a ten-year Plan of  
4 Operation to the Department of Water Resources, and the Director  
5 of the Department must determine whether the Plan is consistent  
6 with the management goals of the Phoenix, Pinal, and Tucson  
7 AMAs.

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

20 Number one. The Plan must identify sufficient water  
21 supplies to meet the replenishment obligations for current CAGRD  
22 members during the next 20 calendar years, and additional water  
23 supplies potentially available for the projected replenishment  
24 obligations during the next 100 years for current members and  
25 potential members, based on reasonable projections of real

1 property and service areas that could qualify for membership in  
2 the next ten years.

3 Two. The Plan must include a replenishment reserve  
4 target for each AMA, calculated according to statute, and  
5 demonstrate that the CAGR D is developing a replenishment reserve  
6 in each AMA as required by statute.

7 Three. The Plan must identify sufficient capacity  
8 at storage facilities and projects to be used for replenishment  
9 purposes during the next 20 years, and,

10 Four. The Plan must reasonably estimate CAGR D's  
11 projected replenishment obligations for the next 100 years.

12 Only comments on those four criteria will be  
13 received at this hearing.

14 In addition to receiving comments during the hearing  
15 today, the Department will keep the hearing record open until  
16 Wednesday, April 8th, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. to allow persons to  
17 submit written comments on the Plan to the Department until that  
18 time. Written comments may be submitted by mail, email, or by  
19 fax. Comments submitted by email or fax must be received by the  
20 Department by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8th, 2015. Comments  
21 submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than April 8th,  
22 2015. All written comments should be sent to Sharon  
23 Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor, Arizona Department of Water  
24 Resources. Sharon's mailing address is 3550 North Central  
25 Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85012. Her email is sscantlebury @ az

1 water dot gov. Again, that is S-S-C-A-N-T-L-E-B-U-R-Y @ A-Z  
2 water dot gov. Her fax number is 602-771-8686. I will repeat  
3 that information again at the end of this hearing.

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

13 I will now begin calling names of persons who filled  
14 out speaker cards indicating that they wish to speak. If you  
15 wish to speak, but did not fill out a speaker card, please fill  
16 out a speaker card located on the table in the back of the room.  
17 When I call your name, please come to the microphone and clearly  
18 state your name and the name of any party that you represent  
19 before providing comments.

20 Okay. Seeing that we have no speakers, thank you  
21 very much to all those who participated in this process. Your  
22 comments will be considered by the Department.

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

1 Comments submitted by email or fax must be received by 5:00 p.m.  
2 on April 8th. Comments sent by mail must be postmarked no later  
3 than April 8th. All comments should be addressed to Sharon  
4 Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor, Arizona Department of Water  
5 Resources. The mailing address is 3550 North Central Avenue,  
6 Phoenix, Arizona, 85012. Sharon's fax number is 602-771-8686.  
7 And her email address is sscantlebury @ az water dot gov.  
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9 This public hearing is now adjourned.

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11 (The hearing adjourned at 9:10 a.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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