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Prescott

Public Informational Meeting

September 5th, 2024



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Legislative Update

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Trent Blomberg, Assistant Legislative Liaison

Arizona Department of Water Resources
September 5, 2024





56th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

2024 Session:

- 160-day session
 - 1,663 Bills
 - 332 Passed (20%)
 - 73 Bills Vetoed
 - 259 Signed (15.5%)
- Approximately 75 water management bills
 - Dozens others that dealt with related topics
 - ADWR testified approximately 73 times

Enacted Water Legislation

- **SB 1242 water conservation grant fund (Harquahala) - Sen. Shope**
 - Permits the transportation of groundwater withdrawn in the Harquahala INA (transportation basin) to an initial AMA by a public service corporation if the eligible entity has:
 - i. performed a hydrological study,
 - ii. installed water measuring devices,
 - iii. submitted a monthly report to the ADWR covering the amount of water withdrawn and transported and the destination of the transported groundwater.
- **HB 2055 Underground water storage; permitting - Rep. Dunn**
 - Technical correction that provides for more flexibility to meet the 180-day licensing time frame, while not extending the number of days ADWR has to review applications for water storage at an underground storage facility.

Enacted Water Legislation

- **SB 1081 exemption area; assured water supply - Sen. Kerr**
 - Allows for the designation of a *portion* of a water provider's service area in an irrigation and water conservation district be designated as having an assured water supply
 - Applicable to surface water or effluent only.
- **SB 1181 groundwater replenishment; member lands; areas - Sen. Petersen**
 - Allows a phased-in CAGRDR membership approach for municipal water providers who are seeking a designation under the ADAWS rulemaking.
- **HB 2016 grandfathered right; subsequent AMA; extension - Rep. Griffin**
 - Extends the deadline to apply for an irrigation grandfathered right in the new Douglas AMA from March 1, 2024, by an additional 6 months to September 1, 2024.

Other Water Legislation Topics

- **Build to Rent (BTR)**
 - **HB 2026** - residential lease community; water; certificate
- **“Wildcat” Subdivisions**
 - **HB 2007** - subdivided lands; civil penalties
 - **HB 2009** - real estate; subdivisions
 - **HB 2101** - land division; application submissions; review
- **Rural Groundwater Management**
 - **SB 1221** - basin management areas; appropriation
 - **HB 2857** - rural groundwater management
- **Ag to Urban**
 - **SB 1172** - physical availability credits; water supply

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Who Makes the Appointments

All appointments to the Groundwater Users Advisory Councils are made by the Board of Commission office.



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Background on The GUACs

A.R.S. 45-420

The 1980 Groundwater Management Code established a Groundwater Advisory Council (GUAC) in each Active Management Area (AMA). The group can consist of up to five members. Members of the GUAC are appointed by the Governor to represent the users of groundwater in the AMA, and on the basis of their knowledge of interest and experience with problems relating to development, use and conservation of water.

The term of office of each member is six years. The terms are staggered, expiring in January of each even-numbered year. Every other even-numbered year, the members of the GUAC elect a chairman and vice chairman.

Members of the GUAC serve without compensation.



Duties of The GUACs

A.R.S. 45-421

Advise the Active Management Area director, make recommendations on groundwater management programs and policies, and comment to the area director and to the director of the Department on draft AMA management plans before they are promulgated.

Provide comment to the Arizona Water Banking Authority with regard to draft plans for additional storage facilities and draft plans of operation.

Manifest and record its actions by motion, resolution or other appropriate means. And make a complete record of its proceedings which shall be open to public inspection.



How to Apply to Become a Member

<https://bc.azgovernor.gov/bc/form/boards-and-commissions-application>

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Arizona Governor's Office website, featuring the logo for Katie Hobbs and menu items for Governor Hobbs, Offices of the Governor, News, Priorities, Contact, and Resources. The main content area is titled 'Boards and Commissions Application' and includes instructions for applicants, such as the requirement for a current application and resume, and the need for letters of recommendation. Below the instructions is a 'Contact Information' section with a dropdown menu for 'Title' (set to '- None') and input fields for 'First Name', 'Middle Initial', and 'Last Name'.

(A link to this website can be found on ADWRs public meeting calendar entry for today's date as well as currently in the chat for this meeting.)



How to Apply to Become a Member

Board/Commission Interest

Please select a board/commission of interest.

Board/Commission *

Groundwater Users Advisory Council, Prescott AMA ▾

Professional Experience

Education *

Please include education including any degrees completed.

References *

List THREE references. Include the NAME and PHONE of the Business/Company/Agency.

Resume *

No file chosen

Attach your resume in PDF format.
Files must be less than **2 MB**.
Allowed file types: **pdf**.

Your next steps will be to select the Board/ Commission that you would like to apply for and then fill out the application listed on the website.



How to Apply to Become a Member

Your final step will be signing and submitting the application.

Following this your application will be reviewed by the boards and commissions office, and if you are deemed suitable for appointment you will be notified.

Authenticity of Information

I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed the statutory requirements governing the board/commissions in which I have expressed an interest and confirm that I meet those requirements. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references listed above to give you any and all information concerning my qualifications and any pertinent information they may have, personal or otherwise, and release all parties from all liability for any damages that may result from furnishing the same to you. Entering my name and the date below has the same legal ramifications as a hand signed document.

Digital Signature *
To sign, type your name

Date of Application *


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