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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF) Commission on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** This meeting is open to the public, and in person or virtual attendance options are available. The meeting location and agenda are described below.

Meeting Location

Arizona Department of Water Resources Thunder River Conference Room 1110 W. Washington St., Ste. 310 Phoenix, AZ 85007	To ensure appropriate meeting space, please RSVP to lfuentes@azwater.gov if you would like to attend in person.
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Cisco Webex Meeting Information

Link: https://bit.ly/3LQSacu Meeting Number (Access Code): 2532 981 7505 Meeting Password: A4hPGqtd22
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Dated this 13th day of November 2025

ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order –Chairman Rodney Held
- II. Commission Member Roll Call – Executive Director
- III. Call to the Public – Chairman Rodney Held
 - Comments from the public will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.
- IV. Project Closeout Presentation. AWPF Grant 20-207WPF: Harrenburg Wash Enhancement Project – Coconino County Parks and Recreation
 - The Commission will be updated on the final status and results of the project.

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- V. Project Closeout Presentation. AWPf Grant 20-202WPF: Gila Valley Irrigation District System Optimization Phase I – Gila Valley Irrigation District
- The Commission will be updated on the final status and results of the project.
- VI. FY 2026 Grant Application Eligibility – All Commission Members
- The Commission will review and discuss AWPf Commission Policies and AWPf Grant Application Manual guidelines to determine if projects proposed within waters, or in the vicinity of waters, containing *E. coli* are eligible for funding with AWPf funds.
 - The Commission will review and discuss AWPf Commission Policies and AWPf Grant Application Manual guidelines to determine if the following application is eligible for AWPf funding under the Capital Project category:
 - WPF2612 - Flow Study to Inform Riparian Restoration in Phoenix
- VII. Arizona Water Protection Fund Program Updates – Executive Director
- Commissioner Conflict of Interest Notice
 - Projected Funds Available to Grant Update
- VIII. Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Cycle Awards – All Commission Members
- The Commission will discuss and may take action on funding awards for the following grant applications:
 - WPF2601 - Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Holistic Management for Watershed and Riparian Health
 - WPF2602 - Allen Lake Wet Meadow Restoration Project
 - WPF2603 - Cordelia Water and Forest Resiliency Project
 - WPF2604 - Enhancing Rangeland and Riparian Health Along the Babocomari River
 - WPF2605 - Importance of Riparian Habitat to Wildlife in Relation to Wildfire Across the Sonoran Desert in Arizona: Opportunities for Conservation and Restoration
 - WPF2606 - Hassayampa Lake Riparian Restoration and Enhancement
 - WPF2607 - Upper Aravaipa Creek Watershed Restoration Demonstration Project
 - WPF2609 - Restoring the Gila River: Tamarisk Removal
 - WPF2610 - Reclaiming the Gila: Invasive Removal for River Health
 - WPF2611 - Lower TAPCO River Access Point Tamarisk Removal and Monitoring
 - WPF2612 - Flow Study to Inform Riparian Restoration in Phoenix
 - WPF2613 - Bodaway/Gap Colorado River Riparian Restoration Project
- IX. Arizona Water Protection Fund Logo – All Commission Members
- The Commission will discuss and may approve updated versions of the Arizona Water Protection Fund program logo.

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- X. AWPf Program Grant Application Guidelines Triennial Review Process – All Commission Members
- The Commission will discuss and may provide direction on implementing the next triennial grant application guidelines review process.
- XI. Call for Future Agenda Items – All Commission Members
- XII. Future Meeting Date(s) – Chairman Rodney Held
- XIII. Call to the Public – Chairman Rodney Held
- Comments from the public will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.
- XIV. Adjourn – Chairman Rodney Held

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- *The Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission may elect to go into Executive Session for the purposes of obtaining legal advice from its attorney on any of the listed agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). Executive sessions are not open to the public.*
 - *Agenda items may be taken out of order. No action may be taken on items unless specifically noted on the agenda.*
 - *Members of the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission may appear virtually or by telephone.*
 - *Agenda and backup/supporting documents can be obtained by contacting Lizette Fuentes at 602-771-8472 or lfuentes@azwater.gov.*
 - *People with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations such as interpreters, alternate formats, or assistance with physical accessibility. If you require accommodations, please contact Lizette Fuentes at 602-771-8472 or by e-mailing lfuentes@azwater.gov. Please make requests as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.*