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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, March 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** Meeting room doors will open at 9:30 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 Middle Verde Conference Room 1110 W. Washington St., Ste. 310 Phoenix, AZ 85007	To ensure appropriate meeting space, please RSVP to <a href="mailto:lfuentes@azwater.gov">lfuentes@azwater.gov</a> if you would like to attend in person.
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**Cisco Webex Meeting Information**

Link: <a href="http://bit.ly/4bhDCfp">http://bit.ly/4bhDCfp</a> Meeting Number (Access Code): 2536 706 9976 Meeting Password: ehKze323xJM
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**Join by Phone**

1-415-655-0001 US Toll	Access Code: 2536 706 9976
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Dated this 10th day of March 2026

**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. Review and Consideration of Action to Approve the November 5, 2025 & November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Chairman Held

**Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission**  
**Notice of Public Meeting and Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Meeting Agenda (continued)**

- V. Arizona Water Protection Fund Program Updates – Executive Director
- Legislative Update
  - Non-Voting Advisory Members Appointment Update
  - Status Updates for Active Grant Award Contracts and Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Awards
  - Financial Update
- VI. 23-216WPF: Timberline-Upper Little Colorado River Watershed Improvement Project – Arizona Association of Conservation Districts
- The Commission will be updated on the project status and may take action to approve a grant award contract extension.
- VII. 22-214WPF: Habitat Restoration in the Gila River Riparian Corridor – Executive Director
- The Commission will be updated on the project status and may take action to terminate the grant award contract, or provide direction to staff on how to proceed.
- VIII. AWPf Program Grant Application Guidelines Triennial Review Process – All Commission Members
- The Commission will review comments received during the 45-day public comment period, and may discuss, take action, or direct staff regarding updates to the Arizona Water Protection Fund program grant application guidelines and manual.
- IX. Grant Cycle Planning – Chairman Held
- The Commission will discuss and may take action or provide direction to staff on planning a grant cycle for fiscal year 2027.
- X. Call for Future Agenda Items – All Commission Members
- XI. Future Meeting Date(s) – Chairman Rodney Held
- XII. Call to the Public – Chairman Rodney Held
- Comments from the public will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.
- XIII. 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](mailto: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](mailto:lfuentes@azwater.gov). Please make requests as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.*