

# ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

## JOINT LEGISLATIVE AD HOC STUDY COMMITTEE ON WATER SECURITY

Minutes of the Meeting  
September 13, 2023  
10:00 A.M., HHR 3

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### Members Present:

Senator Frank Carroll, Co-Chair  
Senator Thomas "T.J." Shope

Representative Gail Griffin, Co-Chair  
Representative Lupe Diaz

### Members Excused:

Representative Stephanie Stahl Hamilton

### Members Absent:

Senator Rosanna Gabaldón

### Staff:

Emily Bonner, House Research Analyst  
Rachel Andrews, Senate Research Analyst  
Fausto Burruel, Senate Assistant Research Analyst

Co-Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and attendance was noted.

Representative Griffin asked the Committee members to introduce themselves.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Charles Yates, Pacific Legal Foundation - Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency

Charles Yates, Attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation, explained the Supreme Court decision of Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (Attachment A), the effects of the case and changing legislation. Mr. Yates answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Griffin distributed and explained a map entitled "Private Lands in Arizona" (Attachment B).

Mr. Yates answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Diaz read a statement from "The 7 Core Principles of Conservatism" (Attachment C).

## **Jim Chilton - One Rancher's Experience with WOTUS**

**Jim Chilton, Arizona rancher**, explained his homestead issues with Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and distributed a packet of information (Attachment D1, D2, D3, D4). Mr. Chilton offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered closing comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner  
Committee Secretary

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