

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AD HOC STUDY COMMITTEE ON WATER SECURITY

Minutes of the Meeting

October 16, 2023

10:00 A.M., HHR 1

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here:

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Members Present:

Senator Sine Kerr, Co-Chair

Senator Frank Carroll

Senator Rosanna Gabaldón

Representative Gail Griffin, Co-Chair

Representative Austin Smith

Representative Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton

Staff:

Rachel Andrews, Senate Research Analyst

Fausto Burruel, Senate Research Assistant Analyst

Emily Bonner, House Research Analyst

Blanca Santillan Ramos, House Research Assistant Analyst

Co-Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m. and attendance was noted.

Representative Griffin asked the Committee Members to introduce themselves.

PRESENTATIONS

Review of SB 1306 (2023)-Dan Jones, Member, Salmon, Lewis and Weldon PLC

Representative Griffin introduced Dan Jones, Salmon, Lewis and Weldon PLC. Representative Griffin distributed and explained a map entitled "Private Lands in Arizona" (Attachment A) and a map of the United States entitled "Federal Public Land Surface & Subsurface" (Attachment B).

Dan Jones, Attorney, Salmon, Lewis and Weldon PLC, introduced himself and explained who he represents.

Representative Griffin distributed and explained SB 1306 (Attachment C). Representative Griffin distributed two additional handouts entitled "Representative Gail Griffin, Here's How Proposed EDF Groundwater Control Legislation Could be Used to Take Advantage of Supervisor Districts, Economies, and Constituent, October 2023" (Attachment D) and "Pathways 2025, EDF Strategic Plan" (Attachment E).

Mr. Jones answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Griffin further explained SB 1306.

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Senator Gabaldón offered comments.

Mr. Jones answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

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Representative Griffin answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kerr offered comments.

Senator Gabaldón offered additional comments.

Representative Smith offered comments.

Representative Griffin further explained SB 1306.

Mr. Jones further explained SB 1306 and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Griffin answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Griffin offered comments.

Mr. Jones offered comments.

Senator Gabaldón and Representative Griffin offered additional comments.

Mr. Jones answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kerr offered additional comments.

Discussion of SB 1575 (2007)

Representative Griffin distributed and explained SB 1575 (Attachment F).

Discussion of SB 1459 (2016)

Representative Griffin distributed and explained SB 1459 (Attachment G).

Discussion of SB 1399 (2016), Potential Water Storage Sites on Arizona State Trust Land

Representative Griffin distributed and explained SB 1399 (Attachment H) and distributed an additional handout entitled "Potential Water Storage Sites on Arizona State Trust Land" (Attachment I).

Discussion of HB 2388 (2021)

Representative Griffin distributed and explained HB 2388 (Attachment J).

Discussion of HB 2438 (2023)

Representative Griffin distributed and explained HB 2438 (Attachment K).

Review of WIFA Funding Options-Chuck Podolak, Director, WIFA

Chuck Podolak, Director, Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA), distributed and explained a PowerPoint entitled "Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona, Overview and Update: Funding Options Through WIFA, *Ad Hoc Committee on Water Security*" (Attachment L). Director Podolak answered questions posed by the Committee.

Discussion of Proposed Basin Management Area Concept

Senator Kerr explained the proposed basin management area plan framework and its highlights.

Representative Griffin offered comments.

The Committee offered closing comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Dickey
Committee Secretary

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