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**House Speaker Rusty Bowers (R-25)**

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## House Creates Ad Hoc Committee on Groundwater Supply in Pinal County

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers (R-25) today announced the creation of the House Ad Hoc Committee on Groundwater Supply in Pinal County.

The committee will study the supply of available groundwater and renewable water supplies in the Pinal County Active Management Area, and it will make recommendations on the modeling criteria of available groundwater supplies in the area.

Speaker Bowers named Representative David Cook (R-8) to chair the committee and appointed Representatives Noel Campbell (R-1), Gail Griffin (R-14), Bret Roberts (R-11), Rosanna Gabaldón (D-2), and Diego Rodriguez (D-27) to serve on the committee. The director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Tom Buschatzke, will also serve on the committee.

The committee will hold its first meeting next week on Tuesday, September 24 at 1:30 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1, and it will hold subsequent meetings in Casa Grande and Florence. The public is encouraged to attend the committee's meetings.

**“I am very grateful to the Speaker for appointing me to this committee, so we can determine the issues that are impeding growth in Pinal County and collectively find long-term solutions,”** said Representative Cook. **“I’m looking forward to improving the water permitting process to ensure Pinal County has the same economic development opportunities that exist elsewhere in the state. Water remains a critically important issue, and this committee will work diligently to ensure future prosperity in the region.”**

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