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Representative Cook Applauds Work of Ad Hoc Committee on Groundwater Supply in Pinal County

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative David Cook (R-8), chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Groundwater Supply in Pinal County, today applauded the recommendations of the committee.

The committee, which wrapped up its work this week, recommended the creation of a Pinal Stakeholder Group to explore and identify solutions to water supply challenges in the Pinal Active Management Area.

The Pinal Stakeholder Group will be comprised of members representing local governments, local utilities, agricultural interests, development organizations, community organizations, and representatives from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), the Gila River Indian Community, and the Ak-Chin Indian Community. The Pinal Stakeholder Group is expected to develop any necessary legislative proposals or suggested rules changes by next July.

“Pinal County ought to have the same economic development opportunities that the state has afforded other areas, and this committee’s work has been critical in continuing that discussion,” said Representative Cook. **“Rather than imposing a top-down approach, I’m pleased that local stakeholders have agreed to step up to develop policy recommendations to address water shortages in Pinal County and ensure the long-term prosperity of the region.”**

“I’d like to thank Speaker Bowers for the opportunity to address these important issues. I’m grateful to my colleagues on the committee and ADWR Director Tom Buschatzke for their hard work, and I look forward to continued cooperation on these issues.”

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