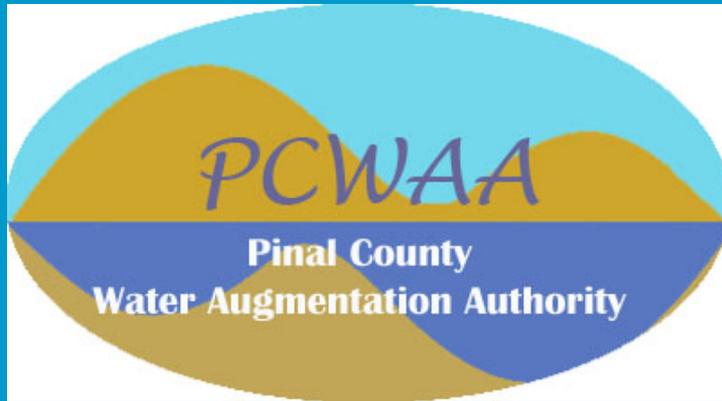


Pinal County Board of Supervisor's November 12, 2014

Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority (PCWAA)

Arizona Revised Statutes, Sections 45-1901 through 45-1999



Goal

To support the development of responsible, collaborative, and sustainable water planning and management in the Pinal Active Management Area.

Statutory Purpose

- Regional water planning
- Assist water providers in meeting requirements of Groundwater Management Act 1980
- Cooperate in augmenting water supplies
- Represents Pinal AMA interests in the development of Arizona water plans

PCWAA is . . .

- A corporate and political body that may act in its official corporate name
- Volunteer board of directors

PCWAA Board Members

- Member appointed by the board of supervisors of the county in which the authority is established.
- Pinal County, David Snider, Chair

PCWAA Board Members

- Member appointed by the governing body of each city or town located entirely within the boundaries of the proposed authority on January 1, 1993 (or established after January 1, 1993, if approved by PCWAA Board)
- Casa Grande, *Dick Powell*
- Coolidge, *Paul Prechel*
- Eloy, *James Humble*
- Florence, *Wayne Costa*
- Maricopa, *Marvin Brown*

PCWAA Board Members

- Member appointed by the governing body of each irrigation and drainage district that is organized pursuant to Title 48 and that is partially or totally located within the authority's boundaries
- Maricopa-Stanfield IDD, *Kelly Anderson*
- Central Arizona IDD, *Tim Maher*

PCWAA Board Members

- Member appointed by the county board of supervisors to represent those water companies that do deliver Colorado River water to persons who reside within the authority's boundaries
- Arizona Water Company, *Kevin Pakka*

PCWAA Board Members

- Member appointed by the county board of supervisors to represent those water companies that deliver water, but not Colorado River water, to persons who reside within the authority's boundaries
- DNA Inc., *Bill Collings, Vice Chair*

PCWAA Board Members

- Any special taxing district organized pursuant to Title 48
- Special districts, *Grant Ward*

PCWAA's role

- Advocates for comprehensive and responsible water resource management policy at state and local
- Represents regional voice and point-of-contact on water issues
- Seeks partners and collaborative partnerships

PCWAA's role for members

- Water resources planning and regional solutions
- Water planning policy for Cities and Towns in annexation and development agreements, general plans, strategic water planning policy, zoning, changes in comprehensive land use plans and water law
- Consulting with Cities and Towns on assured water supply
- Advise municipalities or other water service providers on the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District issues
- Recharge programs with and on behalf of its members
- Consulting on water-related issues and reporting requirements

PCWAA

Strengths

- True regional entity
- Experience
- Municipal corporation with debt authority independent of members

Challenges

- Funding

PCWAA Funding

- Authorized to issue revenue bonds, but not general obligation bonds
- Allowed to annually request up to \$200,000 from AMA Conservation and Augmentation Assistance (CAA) Fund
 - \$.50 / AF of groundwater pumped in AMA goes into AMA CAA Fund (Arizona Revised Statutes, § 45-1972)
 - At ADWR Director's discretion
 - Used only for PCWAA projects, not staffing
- Typical commitment to assisting in storage of municipal CAP supplies
- Exploring expanded recharge opportunities

Pinal County

- Comprehensive Plan Assistance
- County access to water expertise
 - As a political unit
 - As individual entities
- Watch dog on state and federal water issues
 - Encourage Arizona Water Banking Authority to continue CAP storage
 - Pro-agricultural support at EPA hearings
 - Highlight Pinal-area issues for statewide water recovery plans

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Thank you!

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