

STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 16, 2024

The Honorable Warren Petersen President of the Senate Arizona State Senate 1700 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1289: DWR; hydrology reports

President Petersen,

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1289. The Arizona Department of Water Resources publishes its hydrologic studies and related information to the Department's website, and this information is readily available to the public. This legislation would drown the Department in paperwork and bureaucracy that will interfere with its core mission of building a sustainable and secure water future for our state.

I have consistently stated that water policy needs to be addressed in a holistic manner that provides real solutions for the challenges we face throughout the state. I look forward to continuing to work with both the House and the Senate to craft a package of proposals that does exactly this.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs Governor

State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Ben Toma The Honorable Jake Hoffman The Honorable Adrian Fontes