

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE WATER COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2022
2:00 P.M., HHR 4

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Members Present:

Senator Karen Fann*
Senator Sine Kerr
Senator Lisa Otondo
Senator Rebecca Rios

Representative Reginald Bolding, Jr.
Representative Russell "Rusty" Bowers
Representative Andrés Cano
Representative Gail Griffin

Members Excused:

Senator David Gowan

* Participated remotely via a teleconference platform.

Staff:

Hannah Johnson, Senate Research Analyst
Paul Bergelin, House Research Analyst

Representative Griffin called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and attendance was noted.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Representative Bowers nominated Representative Griffin and Senator Kerr to serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Representative Griffin requested that the Committee members introduce themselves.

OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE

Paul Bergelin, House Research Analyst, provided an overview and purpose of the Committee.

OPENING REMARKS

The Committee offered opening remarks.

Brett Johnson, Legal Counsel, Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA), read a statement from Chairman Beckham and answered questions posed by the Committee.

REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA WATER PROJECT SOLUTION TEAM AND IDE TECHNOLOGIES' LONG TERM WATER AUGMENTATION FUND APPLICATION BEFORE THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY

Lih Teurstein, CEO, IDE Technologies, offered comments on Arizona's water needs and IDE's project proposal.

Erez Hoter-Ishay, Team Manager, Arizona Water Project Solution, answered questions posed by the Committee and played a video entitled "The Arizona Water Project Solution". Mr. Hoter-Ishay distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Solving Arizona's Water Needs" (Attachment A) and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Kirk Adams, representing himself, was called upon to answer questions posed by the Committee.

Tom Buschatzke, Executive Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), was called upon to answer questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Hoter-Ishay returned to the podium to answer additional questions posed by the Committee.

John Eleoterio, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ted Cook, General Manager, Central Arizona Project (CAP), explained the process of CAP water and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Eleoterio returned to the podium to answer additional questions posed by the Committee.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Dean Miller, Lobbyist, Arizona Water Company, testified in support of the IDE's proposal.

The Committee offered comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attached is a list noting the individual who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment B).

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment C).

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)