

# AMWUA Supports HB2081

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[HB2081: department of water resources; continuation](#)

AMWUA supports the continuation of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. ADWR's services are an important part of the sound management of water in Arizona. Such services include administration of our State's Active Management Areas, administration of the Assured and Adequate Water Supply programs, permitting of wells, enforcement of conservation requirements and water data management.

ADWR is also responsible for Dam Safety, Flood Warnings, Floodplain Management and the administration of Surface Water Rights throughout Arizona.

The department also manages the Arizona Water Bank, which helps ensure that Arizona uses and protects its fair share of Colorado River Water.

HB2081 extends the sunset date for the Department of Water Resources to July 1, 2020. HB2081, as session law, also specifies the purpose of ADWR is to:

1. Focus the responsibility for water management and administration of water-related programs in this state.
2. Stabilize the use of water resources in this state according to management practices, procedures, standards and plans provided for by statute.
3. Compile and maintain information that is necessary for effective management, administration and planning for water resources and programs.

The bill also provides retroactivity to July 1, 2010 to ensure continuity of the Department in the event that the general effective date of legislation for this year is later than July, 1, 2010.

**Please vote YES on HB2081 to continue the Arizona department of Water Resources.**

Sponsor: Representative Mason

Last Action: 1/21 Pass House Water & Energy; Ready for Rules

