



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Information Summary

November 20, 2008

Subject

Upcoming 2009 Legislative Issues

Policy Question

What will AMWUA's position on water-related legislative proposals be, once legislation is introduced?

Summary

Each year, in advance of the upcoming legislative session, AMWUA staff prepares a summary of water-related legislation that may come before the Arizona State Legislature. These summaries provide a brief overview of possible legislation. If the legislation is introduced, a more in-depth analysis is developed, providing detail on key provisions of the bill and identifying possible policy issues.

Once the legislation is introduced, AMWUA staff and the AMWUA Water Resources Advisory Group (WRAG) review the legislation and assess its relation to the AMWUA Board Resolutions and Issue Papers and their potential impacts on water management. Based on this analysis, recommendations regarding an AMWUA position are then forwarded to the Management Board and the Board of Directors for action. Board members are apprised of the status of the legislation at monthly Board meetings and through the Legislative Summary, which is posted to the AMWUA Web site on Friday afternoons during the legislative session.

Considerations

There are a number of water-related legislative issues under consideration for the 2009 Legislative Session. A brief summary of these issues is contained in the attachment to this agenda item. As more information becomes available, an analysis of the impacts of the legislation will be brought before the Board.

Prior Committee Action

The AMWUA Board has taken positions on a number of legislative proposals in past legislative sessions.

At the November 12, 2008, Management Board meeting, the Management Board was briefed on the potential 2009 water-related legislative issues.

Recommendation

This is an informational item. No action is being requested.

Attachment

Overview of Potential 2009 Water-Related Legislation