

Resolution 09.A

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE ARIZONA MUNICIPAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION  
REGARDING**

**THE 1980 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT AND SAFE-YIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Avondale, Chandler, Glendale, Goodyear, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix Scottsdale, Tempe and the Town of Gilbert are members of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, a voluntary, non-profit corporation established by cities in the urban area of Maricopa County for the development of an urban water policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1980 Groundwater Management Act established the goal of safe-yield---a long-term balance between the amount of groundwater withdrawn and the amount replenished---for the Phoenix, Tucson, and Prescott Active Management Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, safe-yield will not be achieved so long as groundwater mining continues in the Phoenix, Tucson, and Prescott Active Management Areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association that the Arizona State Legislature require that those who propose changes to the 1980 Groundwater Management Act must ~~address the following~~ ASSURE THAT:

1. ~~What might the proposed change do in terms of groundwater mining? Will it be increased? Decreased? Or will the proposed change have little or no impact on the level of groundwater mining?~~ THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL NOT EXACERBATE GROUNDWATER MINING.
2. ~~What might the proposed change mean for the achievement of safe yield? Will it be more difficult? Easier? Or will the proposed change have little or no impact on the achievement of safe yield?~~ THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL NOT IMPEDE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SAFE-YIELD.
3. ~~If groundwater mining will be increased and the achievement of safe yield made more difficult by the proposed change, why is that justified? THERE IS A CLEAR PUBLIC BENEFIT THAT OCCURS AS A RESULT OF THE PASSAGE OF THE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD OFFSET ANY INCREASES IN GROUNDWATER MINING OR ANY LIMITS ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SAFE YIELD. IF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION MAY INCREASE GROUNDWATER MINING OR IMPEDE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SAFE-~~

YIELD, THE LEGISLATION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT AND STABILIZE THE GENERAL ECONOMY AND WELFARE OF THIS STATE AND ITS CITIZENS.

4. ~~Will other persons or water users be affected by the proposed change, and, if so, how? THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL NOT NEGATIVELY AFFECT EXISTING WATER USERS.~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association that the Association urges the Arizona State Legislature to resist any efforts to repeal, directly or indirectly, the safe-yield management goal.

**DATED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008**

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**Mayor Hugh Hallman, President  
Arizona Municipal Water Users Association**

**ATTEST:**

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**Steven L. Olson, Executive Director  
Arizona Municipal Water Users Association**