

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Information Summary

May 21, 2009

Subject

CAWCD Access to Excess Central Arizona Project Water Proposal

Policy Question

What policies should be adopted by the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) regarding distribution of excess Central Arizona Project (CAP) water in order to meet future water management objectives?

Summary

At the April meeting of the AMWUA Management Board, the Board discussed the document, "Proposed Principles: CAP Excess Water Marketing," that was developed by AMWUA staff and the Water Resources Advisory Group (WRAG). At a stakeholder meeting on April 29, 2009, CAWCD staff presented a proposal that is very similar to the Proposed Principles discussed with the AMWUA Boards in April. The components of the CAWCD proposal are as follows:

1. The creation of four excess water pools labeled: 1) Arizona Water Bank Authority (AWBA) and CAGRDR Replenishment Reserve Pool, 2) CAGRDR Pool, 3) Municipal Pool, and 4) Industrial and Other Pool.
2. Enough excess CAP water is allocated to the first pool to meet the needs identified in the AWBA Annual Plan of Operations.
3. Enough excess CAP water is set aside to meet CAGRDR obligations.
4. Once the AWBA and CAGRDR needs are met, the remaining excess CAP water is equally divided between the Municipal Pool and the Industrial and Other Pool.
5. If there is excess water in the Industrial and Other Pool, that water is made available to the Municipal Pool, and vice-versa.
6. Excess water-use orders for municipal users that have historically ordered excess water are phased out over a ten-year period.

7. Any amount of excess water not allocated to historical users is reallocated to other municipal water users until all of the excess water in the Municipal Pool is used.
8. Allocation of excess water in the Industrial and Other Pool is still under discussion.

Considerations

The proposal generated by the CAWCD staff is very similar to the proposal discussed at the April AMWUA Management Board and Board of Directors' meetings.

At the May CAWCD Board of Directors' meeting, CAWCD reported on the Access to Excess stakeholders' process. AMWUA staff will report on that meeting.

Prior Committee Action

In March and April 2009, the AMWUA Management Board and Board of Directors were provided updates on the Access to Excess process.

At the May 2009 meeting, the AMWUA Management Board was provided an update on the Access to Excess process.

Recommendation

This agenda item is to provide a status report on the progress of the Access to Excess stakeholder process. The AMWUA Board of Directors is asked to provide guidance on this process.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this agenda item.