

107th Arizona Town Hall  
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Hilton Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona

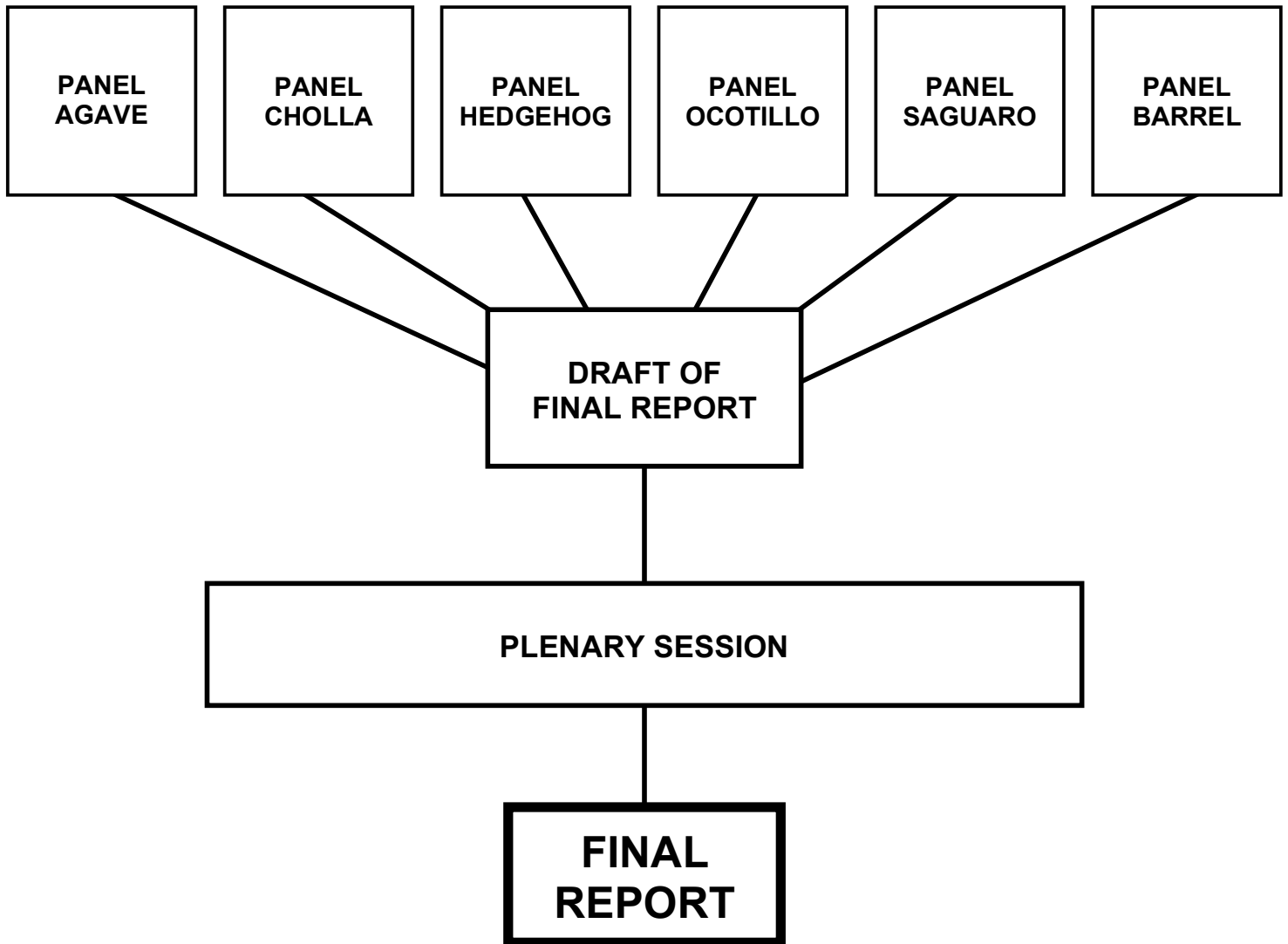


*Keeping Arizona's  
Water Glass Full*



# The Arizona Town Hall Process

From the Group Statement to the Final Report



***“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.”***

Stephen Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People*

# OVERVIEW OF THE ARIZONA TOWN HALL PROCESS

Arizona Town Hall is a private nonprofit organization founded in 1962 for the purpose of educating, engaging, connecting, and empowering people to resolve important issues. Much of the success of the Arizona Town Halls lies in the fact that the process incorporates the knowledge, thoughts and ideas of all the participants. The Town Hall process has been adapted and utilized by many other groups who strive to create solutions by drawing upon diverse views and building informed coalitions.

## **Panel Discussions**

The Town Hall begins with panel discussions. Each panel addresses the same discussion questions during the first portion of the Town Hall. The process and guiding principles for the panel discussions are as follows:

- The Panel Chair reads one question at a time and discussion follows.
- It is important to stick to the question at hand.
- The panel strives for consensus (votes are taken only if absolutely necessary).
- Consensus is reached when no one wants to add anything, and no one objects strongly to the wording offered.
- The Panel Recorder's role is to keep the panel on time, capture the consensus comments, read back consensus statements to the panel and make edits with participants.
- Viewpoints of all participants are considered equally valuable, regardless of title or position.
- Discussions are encouraged to be robust while maintaining a respect for different viewpoints.
- Participants are allowed to criticize concepts—not people.
- Minority viewpoints must be very strong to find their way into the final document.
- Media may be present at the Town Hall and may be in attendance during panel discussions. You should assume that your comments may be quoted at any time.
- Observers may attend the sessions but generally cannot contribute to discussions.
- The process is as valuable as the recommendations.

## **Creation of the Draft Recommendations Report**

Once complete, the consensus statements are taken from each panel to the Report Chairs. The Report Chairs review the statements and look for consensus across all of the panels. With assistance from the Panel Recorders, the Report Chairs create a draft report of what appears to be the consensus of the Town Hall participants.

The draft report is distributed early in the morning before the plenary session on the Wednesday of each Town Hall. Panels meet prior to the start of the plenary session to review the draft and outline any areas the panel wants to address at the plenary session.

## **The Plenary Session**

At the plenary session, Arizona Town Hall's Board Chair leads all of the Town Hall participants, as a full body, in an organized review of the document. All participants work to approve, amend or reject each section of the report of recommendations.

# AGENDA

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Town Hall Registration – Kiva Foyer
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Social Hour – Atrium
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Dinner & Orientation – Kiva AB  
Welcome: Tara Jackson, President, Arizona Town Hall  
Invocation: Richard Morrison, Attorney, Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, PLC  
Dinner  
Opening Comments & Overview:  
Tara Jackson, President, Arizona Town Hall  
Celeste Nunez, Board Member, Arizona Town Hall  
Linda Elliott-Nelson, Board Chair, Arizona Town Hall, Vice President  
for Learning Services, Arizona Western College  
Keynote Speaker: Jon Kyl, Of Counsel, Covington & Burling LLP,  
Fmr. U.S. Senator

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Program – Kiva AB  
Presiding: Ray Newton, Professor/Administrator Emeritus, NAU  
Sponsors Highlighted: **Arizona Lottery** and **Freeport McMoRan  
Copper & Gold Foundation**  
Panel Presentation: Town Hall Background Report Editors  
Sharon Megdal, Sarah Porter and Abraham Springer
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Panel Discussions – (Coffee break mid-morning)
- Panel Agave – Fiesta  
Lisa Atkins, Chair  
Peter Montecucollo, Recorder
- Panel Cholla – Pueblo A  
Susan Goldsmith, Chair  
Patrick McWhorter, Recorder
- Panel Saguaro – Kiva C  
Jim Condo, Chair  
Alexis Danneman, Recorder

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 (Cont.)**

Panel Hedgehog – Kachina AB

Rebecca Timmer, Chair

Vidula Patki, Recorder

Panel Ocotillo – Pueblo B

Nick Lund, Chair

Jeremy Goodman, Recorder

Panel Barrel – Pueblo C

Mike Widener, Chair

Beth Lewallen, Recorder

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon Program – Kiva AB

Presiding: Sally Montagne, Fmr. District Governor, Arizona Rotary District 5500

Sponsor Highlighted: **Arizona Public Service (APS)**

Presentations by: Alberto Rios, Arizona State Poet Laureate, Professor, Arizona State University and Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources

Keynote Speaker Introduction: Frank McCune, Government Affairs Representative, APS

Keynote Speaker: Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Continuation of panel discussions (Coffee break mid-afternoon)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Social Hour – Atrium

7:00 p.m.

Dinner Program – Kiva AB

Presiding: James Dinkle, Executive Director, Access Arizona

Sponsor Highlighted: **Salt River Project (SRP)**

Speaker Introduction: Dave Roberts, Senior Director, Water Resources, SRP

Keynote Speaker: Robert Johnson, Executive Director, National Water Resources Association

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

\* *Breakfast on your own*

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Continuation of panel discussions (Coffee break mid-morning)

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\* Options for breakfast: In-Room Dining (starting at 6:00 a.m.) and Zuni Bar & Grill (starting at 6:30 a.m.).

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (Cont.)

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon – Kiva AB

Presiding: Evelyn Casuga, Assistant to President, Special Projects, Central Arizona College and Mary Grier, Attorney

Presentations:

Valley Youth Theater

Beyond the Mirage: Winner of the New Arizona Prize - Water Consciousness Challenge, presented by Cody Sheehy, Coordinator, Video Production, University of Arizona

**AZ Water Association** video contest winners

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Continuation of panel discussions (Coffee break mid-afternoon)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Social Hour – Atrium

7:00 p.m.

Dinner Program– Kiva AB

Presiding: Suzanne Pfister, President and CEO, St. Luke's Health Initiatives

What Happens Next? Presentations by Board Chair Linda Elliott-Nelson and Board Member Paul Brierley

Recognition of student participants and Water Jeopardy game

Sponsors Highlighted: **AECOM, Central Arizona Project (CAP), EPCOR, The Nature Conservancy, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon PLC** and **Arizona Cotton Grower's Association**

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Individual panel caucuses

(Coffee & Danish will be available in Kiva Foyer)

Panel Agave – Fiesta

Panel Cholla – Pueblo A

Panel Saguaro – Kiva C

Panel Hedgehog – Kachina AB

Panel Ocotillo – Pueblo B

Panel Barrel – Pueblo C

8:30 a.m. - approx. 12:30 p.m.

Plenary Session – Kiva AB

Presiding: Linda Elliott-Nelson, Board Chair, Arizona Town Hall

Adoption of Recommendations

(Coffee & Danish will be available during the session – there will be no formal break)

Adjournment at approximately 12:30 p.m.

# 107TH ARIZONA TOWN HALL PROGRAM SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

## Sunday, November 15, Dinner Program

Keynote Speaker:

**Jon Kyl**, Of Counsel, Covington & Burling LLP, Former U.S. Senator

Jon Kyl currently serves as Senior Advisor at Covington and Burling, LLP and is a Visiting Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. Previously, Kyl served eighteen years in the U.S. Senate after serving for eight years in the U.S. House of Representatives. Kyl was elected unanimously by his colleagues in 2008 to serve as Republican Whip, the second-highest position in the Senate Republican leadership, a position he held until his retirement in 2013.

TIME magazine recognized Senator Kyl as one of the “World’s 100 Most Influential People” in 2010, and as one of the 10 best senators in 2006. Capitol Hill’s newspaper, The Hill, identified him as one of the “25 hardest working lawmakers.”

Before his public service, Kyl practiced law at Jennings, Strouss & Salmon in Phoenix. In 1985, he served as chairman of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Oakland, Nebraska, Kyl received both his bachelor’s and law degrees from the University of Arizona. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and was editor-in-chief of the Arizona Law Review.

## Monday, November 16, Breakfast Program

Panel Presentation: Town Hall Background Report Editors

**Sharon Megdal**, Director, Water Resources Research Center (WRRRC), College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona

Sharon B. Megdal is Director of The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center (WRRRC), an extension and research unit in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Megdal’s work focuses on water policy and water resources management challenges and solutions, on which she writes and frequently speaks. Megdal also holds the titles Professor and Specialist, Department Soil, Water, and Environmental Science, C.W. & Modene Neely Endowed Professor, and Distinguished Outreach Professor. Megdal serves as Director of the Water Sustainability Program and Co-Director of The University of Arizona Water, Environmental and Energy Solutions Program, both of which are funded by the Technology Research Initiative Fund (TRIF).

Megdal is the lead editor of the book, Shared Borders, Shared Waters: Israeli-Palestinian and Colorado River Basin Water Challenges. Megdal also serves as President of the National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) and is a member of the Board of the Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR), and the Western Rural Development Center.

In November 2014, Megdal was elected to a second six-year term on the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors, where she is responsible for the policies, rates and taxes associated with delivering Colorado River water through the Central Arizona Project. Megdal has served on numerous Arizona boards and commissions, including the Arizona Corporation Commission, the State Transportation Board and the Arizona Medical Board. Megdal holds a Ph.D. degree in Economics from Princeton University.

**Sarah Porter**, Director, Kyl Center for Water Policy, Morrison Institute for Public Policy, Arizona State University

In January 2015, Sarah Porter was named inaugural director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy. Part of Arizona State University's Morrison Institute for Public Policy, the Kyl Center promotes research, analysis, collaboration and open dialogue to build consensus in support of sound water stewardship solutions for Arizona and the West.

Porter came to the Kyl Center from the National Audubon Society, where she served as the Arizona state director and led Audubon's Western Rivers Project, a multi-state initiative to protect and restore important river habitats in the Intermountain West. Before joining the staff of Audubon in 2006, Porter spent fourteen years as an attorney in private practice, specializing in complex commercial litigation. Porter serves on the University of Arizona's Water Resources Research Center's External Advisory Council, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board and several other community boards. A native of Phoenix, Porter received her undergraduate degree from Harvard College (1985) and her J.D. from Arizona State University College of Law (1992).

**Abraham Springer**, Professor, School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability, Northern Arizona University

Abe Springer is Professor of Hydrogeology and was the Inaugural Director of the School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability at Northern Arizona. In the Fall of 2007, Springer was the Fulbright Visiting Chair of Water and Environment at the University of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada studying the ecohydrology of springs of Western Canada. With colleagues, he has developed a new, comprehensive spring classification system which is featured in the book *Aridland Springs in North America: Ecology and Conservation*, and he has helped to develop the Springs Stewardship Institute.

Springer grew up on a small grain and sheep farm in rural Central Ohio. Springer received his B.A. in Geology from the College of Wooster and his M.S. and Ph.D. in hydrogeology from The Ohio State University.

### **Monday, November 16, Lunch Program**

Special Presentations:

**Alberto Rios**, Arizona State Poet Laureate, Professor, Arizona State University

Alberto Álvaro Ríos is the author of ten books and chapbooks of poetry, three collections of short stories, and a memoir. Ríos' books of poems include, *The Dangerous Shirt*, *The Theater of Night*, winner of the 2007 PEN/Beyond Margins Award, along with *The Smallest Muscle in the Human Body*, a finalist for the National Book Award, *Teodoro Luna's Two Kisses*, *The Lime Orchard Woman*, *The Warrington Poems*, *Five Indiscretions*, and *Whispering to Fool the Wind*.



Ríos' three collections of short stories are: *The Curtain of Trees*, *Pig Cookies*, and *The Iguana Killer*. Ríos' memoir about growing up on the Mexico-Arizona border—called *Capirotada*—won the Latino Literary Hall of Fame Award and, most recently, was designated as the One Book Arizona choice for 2009.

Ríos is the recipient of the Western Literature Association Distinguished Achievement Award, the Arizona Governor's Arts Award, fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, the Walt Whitman Award, the Western States Book Award for Fiction, six Pushcart Prizes in both poetry and fiction, and inclusion in *The Norton Anthology of Modern Poetry*, as well as over 250 other national and international literary anthologies. Ríos' work is regularly taught and translated, and has been adapted to dance and both classical and popular music.

Ríos is a Regents' Professor at Arizona State University, where he has taught for over 30 years and where he holds the further distinction of the Katharine C. Turner Endowed Chair in English.

### **Tom Buschatzke**, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources

Tom Buschatzke was appointed Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources in January 2015. Prior to this appointment Buschatzke served as the Assistant Director of the Department's Water Planning Division.

Buschatzke serves as Arizona's principal negotiator on matters relating to the Colorado River, is the Chairman of the Arizona Water Banking Authority and Co-Chair of the Drought Inter-Agency Coordinating Council and represents the State in Indian water right negotiations.

Buschatzke possesses over thirty years of experience in water management and has been a member of several statewide long-term water planning initiatives, including serving as Co-Chair of the Statewide Water Resources Development Commission, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Water Sustainability where he served as Co-Chair of the Regulatory and Permitting Group and was an active participant in the Statewide Water Advisory Group and Governor's Drought Task Force.

During Buschatzke's twenty-four year tenure with the City of Phoenix, he served as the Water Resources Management Advisor and was responsible for policy development for management of the City's water resources.

In addition, Buschatzke has been on the Board of Directors of the Western Urban Water Coalition and served as Chair of their Endangered Species Act Committee. Buschatzke was previously a Commissioner on the Arizona Water Banking Authority and the Arizona Water Protection Fund.

Buschatzke also served on the External Advisory Committees of the University of Arizona's Water Sustainability Program, Water Resources Research Center and the Decision Center for A Desert City at Arizona State University, and has been a member of the Colorado River Water User's Association, American Water Resources Association; and the American Water Works Association.

Buschatzke holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the State University of New York at Cortland.

Keynote Speaker:

**Jeffrey Kightlinger**, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Jeffrey Kightlinger is general manager and chief executive officer for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The Metropolitan Water District is the largest municipal water provider in the nation, serving one out of every two Californians in the six counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura.

Kightlinger was appointed general manager in February 2006. As general manager, Kightlinger manages the District's \$1.8 billion annual budget and 1,800 employees to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of high quality water every day throughout Southern California. Kightlinger reports to a board of 37 members representing 26 member agencies.

Kightlinger has an undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from Santa Clara University. Kightlinger serves on a number of boards including the Coro Foundation, the USC Price School of Public Policy, the UCLA Sustainability Advisory Board, the Climate Action Reserve, the California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy, the Los Angeles Economic Development Council and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, among others.

### **Monday, November 16, Dinner Program**

Keynote Speaker:

**Robert Johnson**, Executive Director of the National Water Resources Association

Robert Johnson is currently the Executive Vice President of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA), a nonprofit association that advocates on a Federal level for sustainable management and development of water resources in the arid western states. Johnson also serves as the Interim Executive Director of the Arizona Power Authority, as Senior Consultant to HDR Engineering, and Senior Associate with Water Strategies, a government relations firm located in Washington DC. Since 2009, Johnson has worked for numerous clients throughout the western United States, providing water planning and policy analysis as well as representation before federal, state, and local agencies.

Prior to Johnson's work with NWRA, Water Strategies and HDR, he served as Commissioner of Reclamation where he oversaw the water and power programs of the nation's largest water wholesaler and second largest producer of hydropower. Before becoming Commissioner in 2006, Johnson spent over 30 years with Reclamation where he worked most extensively in the Colorado River Basin, serving as the Secretary of the Interior's senior manager responsible for carrying out the Secretary's responsibilities as "Water Master" of the lower Colorado River. Johnson was extensively involved in a number of significant changes in the management of the Colorado River, including: development of interstate water banking guidelines, negotiation of the California Quantification Settlement Agreement; development of water surplus and shortage guidelines; development of operating guidelines for Colorado River reservoirs, and development of the Lower Colorado River Multi Species Conservation Program.

Johnson attended the University of Nevada, Reno where he earned bachelors and masters degrees in agricultural and resource economics.

# ACRONYMS

## I. Water Resources Agencies

<b>ADEQ</b>	Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
<b>ADWR</b>	Arizona Department of Water Resources
<b>APEC</b>	Advisory Panel on Emerging Contaminants (ADEQ convened panel)
<b>AWBA</b>	Arizona Water Banking Authority
<b>CAGR D</b>	Central Arizona Water Replenishment District
<b>CAP</b>	Central Arizona Project (the delivery system)
<b>CAWCD</b>	Central Arizona Water Conservation District (operator of CAP)
<b>SCAPR</b>	Steering Committee on Arizona Potable Reuse (ADEQ convened panel)
<b>WRDC</b>	Arizona Water Resources Development Commission

## II. Agencies

### A. State of Arizona

<b>ACC</b>	Arizona Corporation Commission
<b>AIC</b>	Arizona Investment Council
<b>ASLD</b>	Arizona State Land Department
<b>PARKS</b>	Arizona State Parks Department

### B. Federal

<b>BIA</b>	Bureau of Indian Affairs
<b>BLM</b>	Bureau of Land Management
<b>BOR</b>	United States Bureau of Reclamation
<b>EPA</b>	United States Environmental Protection Agency
<b>FS</b>	National Forest Service
<b>USDA</b>	United States Department of Agriculture
<b>USDI</b>	United States Department of the Interior
<b>USGS</b>	United States Geological Survey

## III. Organizations

<b>ABC</b>	Agri-Business Council of Arizona (agricultural advocacy organization)
<b>CRIT</b>	Colorado River Indian Tribe
<b>GRIC</b>	Gila River Indian Community
<b>IBWC</b>	International Boundary and Water Commission (binational United States and Mexico organization)
<b>NWRA</b>	National Water Resources Association (national advocacy group)
<b>SRP</b>	Salt River Project
<b>SRPMIC</b>	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
<b>TNC</b>	The Nature Conservancy (the local chapter is the Arizona Nature Conservancy)

## IV. Terms

<b>AFA</b>	Acre feet per Annum (quantitative term; 325,851 gallons of water in 1 AF)
<b>AMA</b>	Active Management Area (from 1980 Groundwater Management Act; Phoenix, Pinal, Prescott, Santa Cruz, Tucson)
<b>CC&amp;N</b>	Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (issued by the Arizona Corporation Commission)
<b>CEC</b>	Contaminant of Emerging Concern (water treatment term)
<b>CWR</b>	Certificate of Water Right (ADWR issued for a surface water right)
<b>DBP</b>	Disinfection Byproducts (drinking water standards)
<b>ESA</b>	Endangered Species Act of 1973 (federal law)
<b>4FRI</b>	Four Forest Restoration Initiative (restoration project involving the Coconino, Kaibab, Apache-Sitgreaves, and Tonto National Forests along the Mogollon Rim in northern Arizona)
<b>GMA</b>	Arizona Groundwater Management Act of 1980 (including amendments)
<b>INA</b>	Irrigation Non-Expansion Area (from 1980 GMA)
<b>MAF</b>	Million acre feet of water (quantitative term)
<b>MCL</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level (quantitative drinking water standard term)
<b>MINUTE 242</b>	Related to 1944 Rivers Treaty between United States and Mexico concerning delivery of Colorado River water to Mexico
<b>NATION/COMMUNITY</b>	Indian tribe or community (for example, the Navajo Nation and the Gila River Indian Community)
<b>NEPA</b>	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (federal law)
<b>PIA</b>	Practicably Irrigable Acreage (quantification term for Indian reserved water rights)
<b>PWS</b>	Payment for Watershed Service program (financing program for watershed protection)
<b>SUBFLOW</b>	Considered surface water in Arizona. Term arises in “conjunctive management” of groundwater and surface water.
<b>RESERVED RIGHTS</b>	Indian and Non-Indian water rights

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## 107TH ARIZONA TOWN HALL

### **SESSION I - MONDAY MORNING – NOVEMBER 16**

#### **SETTING THE STAGE**

1. What factors have had the most significant influence in shaping Arizona's current use of water? What factors are likely to have the greatest influence in shaping Arizona's future use of water? For both questions, consider factors such as: the history, influence and future impact of agriculture, population growth, tribal communities, regional water sources, climate, our environment, quality of life and the economy (including agriculture, mining, manufacturing, technology, growth and tourism).
2. How well has Arizona managed the use of water? What factors have played the greatest role in good management of Arizona's water? What factors have created the greatest challenges? Consider federal and state laws, infrastructure such as dams and canals, land ownership and disputes over water rights as well as the unique perspectives of urban, rural and tribal communities.
3. What are the greatest challenges for ensuring Arizona has the water it needs for its future? How do these challenges vary by region, community, and interest group?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, Cont.

## **SESSION II - MONDAY AFTERNOON – NOVEMBER 16**

### **INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY, LAND USE AND THE ECONOMY**

1. What resources comprise Arizona's existing portfolio of water supplies? To what extent is this existing portfolio adequate to meet future needs throughout the state? How might Arizona best augment its water portfolio? How and to what extent should existing and future water supplies be reallocated?
2. How do innovation and technology impact water use in Arizona? Consider the potential impact of innovation and technology on ensuring a safe and sustainable supply of water for all users. How could Arizona best innovate and use technology to ensure the future availability of water?
3. How do land use, development and population growth impact water use in urban, rural and tribal communities and on public and trust lands? What specific approaches to land use and development create the best balance among quality of life, preservation of natural resources and the economies of urban, rural and tribal communities?
4. How do water use and supply impact Arizona's economy? What specific actions would have the greatest return on investment to Arizona's urban, rural and tribal economies? Consider the balance of water use for the economy and the environment.



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, Cont.

## **SESSION III - TUESDAY MORNING – NOVEMBER 17**

### **CONSERVATION AND FINANCING**

1. What are possible approaches to conserving water? What role does conservation play in meeting Arizona's water needs? What role should it play?
2. What funding sources are available to address Arizona's current and future water needs (including infrastructure development, operations, and maintenance)? What actions, if any, would increase, diversify or stabilize funding to meet Arizona's future water needs?
3. What roles do the cost and price of water play in managing Arizona's water? What roles should they play? What are the current methods for pricing water and financing water infrastructure? To what extent do they incentivize desired outcomes? What additional strategies or financing methods would incentivize desired outcomes?
4. What actions help Arizonans meet our current and future water needs without requiring additional or new funding? How viable are they; how much of our water needs will they impact; and when can they be implemented?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, Cont.

## **SESSION IV – TUESDAY AFTERNOON – NOVEMBER 17**

### **SETTING PRIORITIES AND TAKING ACTION**

1. Considering the discussions from the previous sessions, what actions should be taken that would have the most beneficial impact on Arizona's water needs? How should they be prioritized? Consider which actions are realistically achievable, have the greatest return on investment, and are most likely to be accomplished. Also consider how actions and priorities may vary for urban, rural and tribal communities. Be certain to include actions that do not require additional funding.
2. Who should lead the actions identified in Question 1? If the action requires funding, identify how the funding will be obtained, including sources.
3. What specific actions should individuals take, including each of us?

# KEY POINTS FROM FUTURE LEADERS TOWN HALL ON “KEEPING ARIZONA’S WATER GLASS FULL”

*“I was shocked to find how much power water holds. I am glad to be informed on this issue and learning ways to preserve water.” – Anna Ruiz-Parga, Mesa High School Student*

## ROLE OF WATER IN OUR DAILY LIVES

- Water is essential to our existence.
- Water is used for everything from personal hygiene to cooking to producing energy.
- Much of our state is dependent on water for agricultural production.
- A continuous supply of clean drinking water must be provided.
- Our natural environment and outdoor recreation are supported by water.

## ARIZONA’S UNIQUE RESOURCES, STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES RE: WATER

- The Colorado River, natural aquifers, dams, reservoirs and canals are unique resources.
- Effective utilization of groundwater and underground storage are strengths.
- Drought and limited rainfall present challenges in predicting the supply of surface water.
- The heat and desert environment result in dry conditions in many areas.
- Competing demands from other states for water resources like the Colorado River create challenges.

## BEST WAYS TO SUPPORT A SUSTAINABLE WATER SYSTEM

- Educate children about water conservation through a “Water Wise” program in schools.
- Use incentives and disincentives to encourage less and more efficient usage of water.
- Pursue technological advances for the treatment and reuse of water.
- Support the development of cost-effective desalinization projects.
- Encourage the installation of water-saving landscaping.

## MESSAGES FOR ARIZONA’S ELECTED LEADERS

- Make the availability of clean drinking water for all a priority.
- Plan ahead for future water needs.
- Protect Arizona’s water rights nationally and regionally.
- Examine regulations re: water policy, consumption and conservation.
- Set an example individually and in the community for the efficient use of water.

## COMMITMENTS TO ACTION

- Take shorter showers and turn off the running water when it is not needed.
- Educate members of our own household on water conservation.
- Talk to people when we see them wasting water and offer a better solution.
- Become more educated about water rights, particularly in our area.
- Start a water club or program in our community to educate others on water issues and usage.

## **FUTURE LEADERS TOWN HALL LOCATIONS:**

Mesa Community College  
Central Arizona College - Superstition Mountain Campus  
Cochise College - Douglas Campus  
Central Arizona College - Maricopa Campus  
Northern Arizona University  
Pima Community College - Community Campus  
Rio Vista Recreation Center, Peoria  
Central Arizona College - Signal Peak Campus  
Arizona Western College - Parker Learning Center  
Arizona Western College - Yuma Campus  
Arizona Western College - San Luis Learning Center  
Yavapai College - Verde Valley Campus  
Central Arizona College - Aravaipa Campus  
South Mountain Community College

*“Programs that encourage and open conversation such as the one we had here today amongst young leaders in our communities are crucial to the future well-being of the state of Arizona.” – Caleb Webb, Cochise College SGA Senator*



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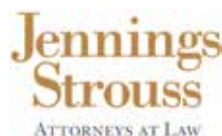
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