

Legislative Activities

AWBA Ex-Officio Members

Senate President - Steve Yarbrough

Speak of the House of Representatives – J.D. Mesnard

Letters were sent on January 12, 2017 to new ex-officio members, Senate President Yarbrough and Speaker Mesnard, informing them of their role on the AWBA and their option to designate an alternative member of the Legislature to represent them on the Commission. Staff is awaiting response.

Legislative Bills

SB 1203 – Changes the due date of the AWBA Annual Report from July 1 of every year to December 31.

- The bill has passed in the senate and moved to the house on February 16th.
- Staff anticipates the bill may be used as a striker vehicle.

HB 2179 – This bill would prohibit a city, town, or county from entering into an agreement unless the agreement is approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the governing body of the city, town, or county. The governing body of a city, town, or county must reaffirm all existing agreements by a majority vote. In addition, all agreements by cities, towns, or counties are limited to a maximum term of eight years, but can be renewed upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the governing body.

- The bill has been retained on the calendar
- There are numerous objections to the bill as written
- The bill could have long-term water supply implications (eg. recharge, firming, and water supply agreements, etc.)

Legislative Transfers

Both the executive and legislative budgets for fiscal year (FY) 2018 propose to transfer a total of \$1,411,400 from the Arizona Water Banking (AWB) Fund. The amount is the same as FY 2017 and includes the following:

- Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission \$200,000
- Arizona Department of Water Resources \$ 1,211,400

Water Banking Fund (withdrawal fees)	Estimated Revenues CY 2017	Pro Rata Share of Transfer	Transfer Amount	CY 2018 Acre-foot Storage Equivalent
Phoenix AMA	\$2,300,000	56%	\$791,800	3,400
Pinal AMA	\$1,400,000	34%	\$481,900	2,590
Tucson AMA	\$400,000	10%	\$137,700	590

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