

**ARIZONA WATER BANKING AUTHORITY  
Draft Minutes**

**April 27, 2016  
Arizona Department of Water Resources**

---



**AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

Thomas Buschatzke, Chair  
Ray L. Jones, Vice-Chair  
Kathryn Sorensen, Secretary  
Jim Hartdegen  
Steven Moss

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

The Honorable David M. Gowan  
The Honorable Gail Griffin

**Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Chair Thomas Buschatzke welcomed the attendees. Lisa Atkins, President of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board, attended in place of her designee Jim Hartdegen. Commission members Kathryn Sorensen and Steven Moss attended in person and Ray Jones attended via teleconference. *Ex-officio* members, Senator Gail Griffin and Speaker David Gowen, were not in attendance.

**Discussion or consultation for legal advice with Commission attorneys during executive session of the Authority concerning potential contracts and agreements for (1) water storage (2) Indian firming credits and (3) potential water acquisition, including exchange of long-term storage credits**

The Commission convened to Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened to open session at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Virginia O'Connell provided an overview of the Draft Agreement between the AWBA and the Gila River Indian Community for the Development of Firming Credits. The agreement is for a three-year term beginning in 2016 and describes the procedures for developing firming credits on Community lands through reimbursement of full cost water deliveries paid for by the Community. The draft agreement is consistent with the letter agreement executed between the parties in 2015. A motion was made to approve the agreement. A second was provided and the motion passed unanimously.

No further action was taken relative to the discussions of the Executive Session.

**Call to the Public**

There were no public comments. The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.