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**Arizona Water Initiative  
West Basins Planning Area  
Stakeholders Meeting Summary**

**Date: July 27, 2016**  
**Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**  
**Location: Centennial Community Center**  
**69725 Centennial Park Rd.**  
**Wenden, AZ 85357**  
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1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. ADWR Water Resource Specialist, Mandy Whatley, began the meeting with a brief recap of the Arizona Water Initiative and Planning Area Process, an update on upcoming field work, and a brief overview of the agenda.
2. Data Collection Plan
  - a. ADWR Deputy Assistant Director of Water Planning and Permitting, Gerry Walker, gave a brief overview on the Department's Data Collection Plan for the municipal, industrial, and agricultural water demand sectors.
  - b. For each demand sector the Department is going to use existing information that is available; look for additional agencies and entities that possibly receive that kind of data, and gather information from them; then the Department will bring that data to the stakeholders and get feedback as well as discuss how the demand should be projected into the future.
  - c. A stakeholder asked what purpose this data will serve.
    - i. Staff explained that it is important to know what the existing situation is and to have the best possible information. There is no "end goal" in particular, but the data will be necessary for any future discussions regarding solutions.
  - d. A stakeholder asked if they will be able to see and provide input on the data and final report for the West Basins.

- i. Staff explained that yes, the final meetings of the West Basins Planning Area will be to discuss and revise the final report. The stakeholders will be given the document in advance so they have time to look it over.
  - e. The Data Collection Plan presentation can be found [here](#).
- 3. Discuss Updated Municipal Water Demand Projections
  - a. Ms. Whatley provided an update on the municipal water demand projections, including how data was collected, calculation of historical GPCD, and calculation of GPCD projections.
  - b. Several stakeholders mentioned that the calculations did not take into account the population of winter residents that reside in La Paz County.
    - i. Mrs. Walker commented that ADWR can work on adjusting the population to account for the influx of residents in the winter.
    - ii. Another stakeholder commented that he has data on seasonal populations for La Paz County and will email that information to ADWR.
  - c. A stakeholder asked why the Community Water Systems annual reports are not verified, and ADWR staff explained that the Department does not have the statutory authority to go back and verify the reports.
  - d. Several stakeholders mentioned that they preferred the data set that utilized both ACC and Community Water System data over either individually.
  - e. A stakeholder commented that the ACC projection was quite extreme, and wanted to know if there was an outlier throwing the data off. ADWR staff replied yes, there is an outlier, and the Department can remove the outlier to present the projection without it as a comparison.
  - f. Several stakeholders commented that they preferred the higher projections.
  - g. The Municipal Water Demand presentation can be found [here](#).
- 4. Presentation on Funding Opportunities for Rural Communities
  - a. Ms. Whatley presented information on the following outside funding opportunities:
    - i. A.R.S. 11-254.09
    - ii. Rural Community Assistance Corporation
      - 1. Drinking Water Well Assessment
      - 2. Household Water Well Loan
    - iii. Water Infrastructure Finance Authority
      - 1. Planning and Technical Assistance Grant
    - iv. Bureau of Reclamation
      - 1. System Optimization Review
      - 2. Water and Energy Efficiency Grants
    - v. Rural Water Infrastructure Committee
  - b. ADWR staff handed out flyers on the above programs during the meeting. If you are interested in receiving one of these handouts, please contact Ms. Whatley and she will either mail or email one to you.
  - c. The Funding Opportunities presentation can be found [here](#).

5. Preliminary Discussion of Management Options
  - a. Ms. Whatley gave a brief presentation on four regulations currently required for Active Management Areas. To facilitate discussion at the next West Basins Planning Area meeting regarding the nature of alternative regulation, information was provided regarding four components of the existing regulatory structure for review and consideration.
    - i. The handout given is available [here](#).
  - b. The Preliminary Management Discussion can be found [here](#).
  
6. Closing Remarks
  - a. Ms. Whatley wrapped up the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and describing the next steps for the next meeting.
  - b. During the next meeting, ADWR will:
    - i. Present updated industrial demand data
    - ii. Possibly present updated agricultural data
    - iii. Present adjusted municipal demand data based on stakeholder feedback
    - iv. Discuss management options in more detail