



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1191

water protection fund; conservation; supply

Purpose

Expands the use of the Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF) to include measures and projects that increase the supply of water and water conservation programs.

Background

The AWPF provides an annual source of funds for projects that protect, restore and ensure the quality of the state's rivers, streams and riparian habitats, including the fish and wildlife resources dependent on those habitats (A.R.S. § 45-2101). The Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission (Commission) administers the AWPF (A.R.S. § 45-2111).

The Commission must establish a procedure by which monies may be annually granted and include a maximum of six months between the receipt of the proposal by the Commission and the disbursement of funds. The Commission must give priority in funding to: 1) other sources matching monies or assets of comparable value; 2) continue maintenance of rivers and streams associated with riparian habitat; 3) include broad based local involvement; and 4) directly benefit perennial or intermittent rivers or streams (A.R.S. § 45-2113).

The primary source of funding for the AWPF is from an in-lieu fee tax collected from the Central Arizona Project. The other potential sources are from private gifts, grants or donations (www.azwpcf.gov).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Expands the use of AWPF monies to include measures to increase water availability.
2. Requires the Commission to give priority in funding to projects that increase the supply of water.
3. Removes the prohibition that no more than five percent of monies spent in any fiscal year be used for assisting in developing, promoting and implementing water conservation programs.
4. Makes technical changes.

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5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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