

Joint Legislative Ad Hoc Committee on State Land Oversight

PURPOSE: To oversee the Arizona State Land Department's implementation of and compliance with the requirements prescribed in the 2026 Arizona State Land Department Continuation Act, Laws 2026, Chap 224; to ensure the Department's continuous improvement on the areas of regulatory consistency, public transparency, and administrative efficiency; and to investigate, receive testimony, call witnesses, conduct workshops, hold stakeholder meetings, and make recommendations, including legislative proposals, on any of the following outstanding issues:

1. Title 41, article 7.1 licensing timeframes
2. Written decisions of the Commissioner, including determinations of highest and best use, best interest of the state, best interest of the trust, and other similar standards
3. The meaning of, and the differences between, the terms above, including their relationship with the constitutionally created requirement for highest and best bidder
4. Application, Strategic, and Prioritization (ASAP) rules
5. Appealable agency actions
6. Department staffing and resources
7. General permit applicability
8. Fee for service model
9. State Historic Preservation Office 2023 Kaizen recommendations and applications
10. Division or section transfers
11. Salesforce utilization
12. The establishment of a permanent board or commission
13. Sales and leases auction timing
14. Appraised value
15. Land withdrawals
16. Groundwater transportation basin policies
17. Annexation agreements for planned or pre-existing uses
18. Productive post-mine land use
19. Wind and solar projects
20. Bid chilling and price depression
21. Bidder qualifications
22. Use and transfer of the State Land Department's municipal and industrial Central Arizona Project water
23. Any other issue or topic related to Arizona State Land Department

MEMBERSHIP:

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<u>House</u>	Four members of the House of Representatives, not more than three from the same political party and one designated Co-Chair, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives: Sylvia Allen, Gail Griffin (Co-Chair), Sarah Liguori, Chris Lopez
<u>Senate</u>	Four members of the Senate, not more than three from the same political party and one designated as Co-Chair, appointed by the President of the Senate: Timothy "Tim" Dunn (Co-Chair), Rosanna Gabaldón, David Gowan, Thomas "T.J." Shope

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