

La Paz County West Basin Water Users Study Committee

PURPOSE: To: (1) receive and analyze all groundwater withdrawal data developed by the Department of Water Resources; (2) make recommendations to the Director of Water Resources, including recommendations on programs and policies for the basin; (3) review and make recommendations to the Director of Water Resources regarding the independent consultant's report in which the independent consultant estimates the rate of groundwater depletion in the northwest basin planning area and estimates the number of years of groundwater that remains in the basin; and (4) submit a report of its recommendations to the Director of Water Resources, the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2021 and provide a copy of the report to the Secretary of State.

MEMBERSHIP:

House One member of the House of Representatives who represents a legislative district that contains one or more of the basins in La Paz County to serve as Co-Chair, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Regina E. Cobb (Co-Chair)

Senate One member of the Senate who represents a legislative district that contains one or more of the basins in La Paz County to serve as Co-Chair, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Sonny Borrelli (Co-Chair)

Other One person from La Paz County who is actively engaged in animal or plant production in La Paz County as that person's main source of income, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Ms. Ava Alcaida

The State Land Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee as a nonvoting advisory member:
Ms. Lisa Atkins, Commissioner, Arizona State Land Department

One member who represents mining water users in La Paz County, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Ms. Sandy Fabritz, Director of Water Strategy, Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.

One city or town council member or the Mayor of a city or town that is located in La Paz County, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Councilwoman Lynda Goldberg

One County Supervisor from La Paz County, appointed by the President of the Senate:

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Ms. Holly Irwin, La Paz County Supervisor, District 3

One member who represents industrial water users in La Paz County, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Mr. Jeff McCormick, Community Development Director, La Paz County

One person from La Paz County who is actively engaged in animal or plant production in La Paz County as that person's main source of income, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Ms. Kristen Nelson, La Paz County Farm Bureau

One member who represents a natural resource conservation district located in La Paz County, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Mr. Nathan Rovey, LaPaz County NRCD

One member of the public who owns three or more water wells in La Paz County, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Ms. Sharon Rubin

Notes: The members shall be appointed on the basis of their knowledge of, interest in and experience with the development, use and conservation of water and must reside or own property in the prescribed county. The members of the committee are appointed to represent the users of groundwater in the Renegras Plain Basin, the McMullen Valley Basin and the Butler Valley Basin.

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REPORT DATE: None

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2022

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