

# ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

## LA PAZ COUNTY WEST BASIN WATER USERS STUDY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting  
September 19, 2019  
1:30 p.m., House Hearing Room 1

### Members Present:

Senator Sonny Borrelli, Co-Chair  
Pam Muse, State Land Commissioner's  
designee, Advisory Member  
Sandy Fabritz (via telephone)  
Holly Irwin  
Sharon Rubin

Representative Regina E. Cobb, Co-Chair  
Lynda Goldberg  
Jeff McCormick  
Kristen Nelson  
Nathan Rovey

### Member Excused:

Ava Alcaida

### Staff:

Paul Bergelin, House Research Staff  
Kaitlyn Neff, Senate Research Staff

Co-Chair Cobb called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

### CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Representative Cobb distributed a fact sheet entitled "HB 2467: committees; west basin water users" (Attachment A) and made opening remarks.

Representative Cobb asked the Committee members to introduce themselves.

### CHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE

**Paul Bergelin, House Research Staff**, outlined the purpose of the La Paz County West Basin Water Users Study Committee.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Status of the water basins within La Paz County by the Arizona Department of Water Resources**

**Jeff Inwood, Chief Hydrologist, Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)**, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "La Paz County West Basin Water Users Study Committee – Topics: Planning Area Information, Municipal Water Use, Agricultural Water Use, Hydrologic Information" (Attachment B). Mr. Inwood answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Cobb and Senator Borrelli offered comments.

**Doug Dunham, EPCOR Water Company, former Legislative Liaison and Special Assistant to the Director, Arizona Department Water Resources,** answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee shared their comments for the presentation mentioned above.

Representative Cobb stated that today's meeting was just mainly informational only and discussed the topics for the next meeting.

### **History of the La Paz water basins by Supervisor Holly Irwin**

**Holly Irwin, District 3 Supervisor, La Paz County,** gave a brief overview of the history and background information on the La Paz water basins and addressed her concerns regarding the water issues within La Paz County. Ms. Irwin reinforced her concerns and hope that the Committee will determine solutions not only for the residents, but also the agricultural community to help secure water for the future in the La Paz County.

Representative Cobb provided comments regarding water issues in the Salome School District.

Ms. Irwin answered questions posed by the Committee.

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Representative Cobb called for public testimony, however, no one came forward.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

No further discussion took place.

Representative Cobb made closing remarks and thanked the Committee members and all who attended for their time and input on this very important topic.

Attached is a form noting the individual who submitted a Speaker Slip on the agenda items (Attachment C).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imee L. Andrew  
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)