HB2542: groundwater savings facilities; storage credits

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Overview

Allows water that is stored in a groundwater savings facility (GSF) to be used to earn long term storage credits (LTSCs).

History

Current statute allows LTSCs to be accrued for water that is stored in an underground storage facility. To accrue a LTSC, the stored water must be water that cannot reasonably be used directly (waterBUD) in an AMA, and the water cannot be recovered on an annual basis (A.R.S. § 45-852.01).

Provisions

- 1. Allows water that is stored in a GSF to be used to earn LTSCs if the Director of ADWR determines that the storage provides a water management benefit to the AMA where the water was stored. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Contains an emergency clause. (Sec. 2)

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