

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~water resources; annual report~~  
(now: water; report; fees: levee)

State of Arizona  
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Fifty-sixth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2023

# HOUSE BILL 2022

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 45-111, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SENATE BILL 1720, SECTION 96, FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST REGULAR SESSION, AS TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 45-111, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 45-111. Annual report by director  
5 On or before ~~July 1~~ AUGUST 15 each year the director shall render to  
6 the governor and the legislature a full and true report of the  
7 department's operations under this title, **INCLUDING OPERATIONS RELATING TO**  
8 **DAM SAFETY, LEVEE REPAIRS AND OTHER FLOOD CONTROL ACTIVITIES**. The report  
9 shall include suggestions as to amending existing laws or enacting new  
10 legislation as the director deems necessary and such other information,  
11 suggestions and recommendations as the director considers of value to the  
12 public. The report shall be published and made available to the public **ON**  
13 **THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE**.

14 Sec. 2. Senate Bill 1720, section 96, fifty-sixth legislature,  
15 first regular session, as transmitted to the governor, is amended to read:

16 Sec. 96. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

	<u>2023-24</u>
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18 Water projects assistance grants	\$ 3,000,000
19 Gilbert wells project	27,800,000
20 Glendale irrigation and xeriscaping	810,000
21 Little Colorado River levee	20,000,000
22 Mohave wash recharge basin	3,400,000
23 Peoria wells project	<u>10,000,000</u>

24 Total appropriation – water infrastructure  
25 finance authority of Arizona \$65,010,000

26 Fund sources:  
27 State general fund \$65,010,000

28 The water projects assistance grants are allocated to provide  
29 financial assistance to cities and towns that provide water in Navajo and  
30 Apache counties and to provide financial assistance to irrigation  
31 districts in Cochise and Graham counties to contract for services of  
32 outside advisors, attorneys, consultants and aides that are reasonably  
33 necessary to enable these cities and towns and irrigation districts to  
34 adequately perform their duties.

35 Of the amount appropriated to the water projects assistance grants  
36 line item, \$1,000,000 is allocated to provide financial assistance to  
37 cities and towns that provide water in Navajo and Apache counties to  
38 contract for services of outside advisors, attorneys, consultants and  
39 aides that are reasonably necessary or desirable to enable the cities and  
40 towns to adequately perform their duties.

41 Of the amount appropriated to the water projects assistance grants  
42 line item, \$1,000,000 is allocated to provide financial assistance to  
43 irrigation districts in Graham county to contract for services of outside  
44 advisors, attorneys, consultants and aides that are reasonably necessary

1 or desirable to enable the irrigation districts to adequately perform  
2 their duties.

3 Of the amount appropriated to the water projects assistance grants  
4 line item, \$1,000,000 is allocated to provide financial assistance to  
5 irrigation districts in Cochise county along the San Pedro River to  
6 contract for services of outside advisors, attorneys, consultants and  
7 aides that are reasonably necessary or desirable to enable the irrigation  
8 districts to adequately perform their duties.

9 The applications for these monies shall be presented for approval to  
10 the water infrastructure finance authority of Arizona and the authority  
11 shall distribute these monies to the qualified entities before December  
12 31, 2023.

13 The water infrastructure finance authority of Arizona shall  
14 distribute the monies in the Gilbert wells project line item to the town  
15 of Gilbert for the rehabilitation and drilling of new water wells.

16 The water infrastructure finance authority of Arizona shall  
17 distribute the monies in the Glendale irrigation and xeriscaping line item  
18 to the city of Glendale for irrigation system and xeriscaping.

19 The water infrastructure finance authority of Arizona shall  
20 distribute the monies in the Little Colorado River levee line item to ~~the~~  
21 ~~city of Winslow~~ NAVAJO COUNTY to reconstruct the Little Colorado River  
22 levee.

23 The water infrastructure finance authority of Arizona shall  
24 distribute the monies in the Mohave wash recharge basin line item to  
25 Mohave county to design and construct the Mohave wash recharge basin.

26 The water infrastructure finance authority of Arizona shall  
27 distribute the monies in the Peoria wells project line item to the city of  
28 Peoria for new water wells and water infrastructure projects.

29 Sec. 3. Fee reduction; exemption from rulemaking

30 A. Notwithstanding any other law, the department of water resources  
31 shall reduce the following application fees to not more than \$100 per  
32 application:

33 1. An application for a certificate of grandfathered right in an  
34 active management area established after January 1, 2022.

35 2. An application for a notice of authority to irrigate land in an  
36 irrigation non-expansion area established after January 1, 2022.

37 B. In establishing the reduced fees pursuant to subsection A of  
38 this section, the department is exempt from the rulemaking requirements of  
39 title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, for one year after the  
40 effective date of this act.

41 Sec. 4. Emergency

42 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
43 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
44 law.