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**Arizona House of Representatives**

**Representative David Cook (R-8)**

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## Rep. Cook Requests Update on Pinal County Assured Water Supply Applications from ADWR Director

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative David Cook (R-8) last week sent a letter to Thomas Buschatske, Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, requesting an update on Pinal County assured water supply applications.

Pinal County has an estimated 14 assured water supply permit applications that have been pending at ADWR for several years.

**“Pinal County is at a serious disadvantage when competing with counties like Maricopa and Pima for water permits, and that prevents local organizations from having the ability to do business and grow our rural economy,”** said Representative Cook. **“I look forward to receiving an update on these applications so that development in Pinal County can have the ability to flourish without being held back by political favoritism for other counties.”**

**“This delayed government permitting process unfairly drives development into other areas, penalizing the people of Pinal County for bureaucratic inaction.”**

Last week, Representative Cook announced plans to tackle Pinal County water issues and anticipates holding stakeholder meetings that would start late summer or early fall.

A copy of the letter can be found here:

[https://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/ADWR\\_ltr\\_info\\_request.pdf](https://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/ADWR_ltr_info_request.pdf)

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