

Water for Arizona Coalition Notes Progress on Interstate Drought Contingency Plan

*Momentum Builds to Secure Final DCP Approval
Following Governor Ducey's Signature of the Bill*

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PHOENIX – The Water for Arizona Coalition today lauded the state's progress towards the completion of an interstate Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) to protect the Colorado River, noting key momentum in recent days toward finalizing the needed auxiliary agreements.

"We've seen encouraging momentum towards finalizing the DCP in recent days. The Phoenix City Council approved DCP-related agreements last month and we expect Tucson to take action soon," said **Kevin Moran, Senior Director for the Colorado River Program at Environmental Defense Fund and Chair of the Water for Arizona Coalition**. "We urge all parties to continue taking the steps needed to get the DCP in place."

"We applaud Arizona and the other Colorado River basin states for their sustained efforts to move the DCP forward," said **Kim Mitchell, Senior Water Policy Advisor at Western Resource Advocates**. "Arizona legislators put our state's common interest -- safeguarding our water supply -- first when they approved the DCP earlier this year. As we approach the final steps of this process, we're pleased to see a continued sense of urgency among the water community to protect the basin."

"When Governor Ducey signed the bill authorizing DCP, he sent a message that this effort is bigger than any one person or group of people," said **Sonia Perillo, Audubon Arizona's Executive Director**. "Arizona did its job by passing the bill. I encourage all the basin states to come together around this process -- water stakeholders across the basin want to continue moving forward, and now we must focus on finalizing the remaining agreements and implementing Arizona's drought plan for people and birds."

"The progress that Arizona is continuing to make toward the final DCP agreements is a testament to the need for conservation," said **Jeff Odefey, American Rivers' Director of Clean Water Supply**. "People and communities are recognizing that our continued health and prosperity, and the future of the Colorado River, depends on making compromises."

"If Arizona is going to continue to be a great place to do business, we must get the final agreements needed for DCP in place immediately," said **Todd Reeve, Director at Business for Water Stewardship**. "We've seen important steps toward that goal recently, but we need to get this over the finish line."

About the Water for Arizona Coalition

The Water for Arizona Coalition comprises Arizonans who support policies and innovative practices to ensure a reliable water supply to meet the state's needs. Organizational support is provided by

solution-oriented groups like Business for Water Stewardship, American Rivers, Audubon Arizona, Environmental Defense Action Fund, and Western Resource Advocates, which collectively have over 60,000 Arizona members, as well as hundreds of hunters, anglers, and outdoor recreators across the state. Kevin Moran, a long-time Arizonan and former government relations consultant, is the Chairman of the Coalition.

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