

Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership

Government Affairs Committee

Annual Update
2018

Bradley M. Hill, R.G. - Chair



2018 Legislative Session

Water Legislative was a “light” year due to Governor’s focus on Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan

- SB 1507 / HB 2512 Omnibus Bills
 - Allow Board of Supervisors in County’s outside AMA’s to not readopt Water Adequacy Rules
 - SB1509, SB510, SB1512, SB1513, SB1515
- SB 1516 Central Arizona Project Sovereign Immunity
- HB 2410 Eliminate Geologist & Landscape Architects from Technical Board of Registration



Water Adequacy Rule Update

Issue: No hydrologic limit for C & R Aquifers on Coconino Plateau (existing criteria: DTW after 100 years <1200ft BLS)

- a. Ask Governor to lift rule making moratorium
- b. Add new hydrologic criteria [% saturated thickness remaining]
- c. ADWR requested creation of a "Hydrology" Stakeholder Group
- d. *ADWR said any Rule change MUST apply to all C & R Aquifer and can not be geographically limited to only Coconino Plateau*
- e. *WaterSmart Grant to fund groundwater modeling simulations*



2019 Looking Ahead

Monitor Upcoming Legislation

ADWR & CAP Drought Contingency Plan

Water Adequacy Rule?

Other?

