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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2753

groundwater replenishment; Pinal AMA

Purpose

Allows a municipal provider that applies for a new designation of assured water supply in the Pinal Active Management Area (AMA) that relies on a member service area agreement to elect for all parcels of member land in the municipal service area to retain a replenishment obligation.

Background

Current statute requires a multi-county water conservation district to: 1) establish annually the costs and expenses to replenish groundwater with respect to all parcels of member lands and all member service areas located in each AMA; and 2) provide for the payment of all costs and expenses to replenish groundwater and the payment of operation, maintenance, replacement and administrative costs and expenses of the district. A multi-county water conservation district may also: 1) develop, construct, operate, maintain, replace and acquire permits for water storage, facilities and recovery wells for replenishment purposes; and 2) acquire, hold, exchange, own, lease, retire or dispose of water rights for the benefit of member lands and member service areas ([A.R.S. § 48-3772](#)).

For each AMA in which member lands or member service areas are or may be located, the multi-county water conservation district must replenish groundwater in an amount equal to the groundwater replenishment obligation for that AMA. A municipal provider that submits an application for a new designation of assured water supply in the Phoenix AMA that relies on a member service area agreement may elect for all parcels of member land in the municipal service area to retain a replenishment obligation. For parcels of member land that retain a replenishment obligation, the multi-county water conservation district must replenish groundwater in an amount equal to the obligation applicable to that parcel of member land ([A.R.S. § 48-3771](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows a municipal provider that applies for a new designation of assured water supply in the Pinal AMA that relies on a member service area agreement to elect for all parcels of member land in the municipal service area to retain a replenishment obligation.
2. Prohibits, for a designation of a municipal provider, owners of lands that are subdivided after the date of designation from being required to provide or pay for a water source to reduce a replenishment obligation the municipal provider incurs for lands other than the owner's subdivided land.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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