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SB 1289: DWR; hydrology reports

Sponsor: Senator Hoffman, LD 15

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Overview

Requires the Governor and Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), 30 days before issuing a report on the hydrologic conditions of an active management area (AMA), to submit a copy to the House of Representatives and Senate Natural Resource, Energy and Water (NREW) Committee members.

History

The Groundwater Management Code (Code) was enacted in 1980 and established the statutory framework to regulate and control the use of groundwater ([SOS](#)). As part of the management framework, the Code designated five AMAs (Phoenix, Pinal, Prescott, Tucson and Santa Cruz) and three Irrigation Non-Expansion Areas (Douglas, Joseph City and Harquahala where specific regulations regarding withdrawal and use of groundwater apply (A.R.S. §§ [45-411](#), [45-411.03](#), [45-431](#), [45-554](#)).

ADWR uses hydrologic models to simulate and predict groundwater conditions. Models incorporate various assumptions to make long-term management decisions and predict potential future impacts. An applicant for a determination of assured water supply is required to submit a hydrologic study that uses a method of analysis approved by the ADWR Director ([A.C.C. R12-15-716\(B\)](#)).

Every five years after the final determination that a groundwater replenishment district's (district) plan for operation is consistent with achieving the management goal of the AMA, the district must prepare and submit a replenishment report to the ADWR Director and the district's board of directors. The report must include descriptions of the district's available water resources, financial capabilities and current ability to meet future replenishment obligations ([A.R.S. 45-576.04](#)).

Provisions

1. Requires the Governor and ADWR Director, 30 days before issuing a report on the hydrologic conditions of an AMA, to submit a copy of the report or any report related to the groundwater code, to the members of the House of Representatives and Senate NREW Committee members. (Sec. 1)

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