

Post-2025 AMAs AWS/CAGRDR Issue Statement Initial Draft Statements (v1)

Based upon written and verbal feedback received after the October 8th meeting, the Co-chairs presented an updated Issue Statement at the November 2nd meeting for the Committee's review, herein referred to as Statement A. This statement reflects modifications to the Issue Statement that was included in the draft Issue Outline distributed to the Committee on October 6th.

Statement A:

More than two decades after their development and successful implementation, the Assured Water Supply Program and the CAGRDR may not provide sufficient requirements, inducements, or options for certain communities and water providers in the AMAs to reduce their reliance on groundwater and transition to a long-term reliance on renewable supplies.

Based upon the discussion and suggestions made at the November 2nd meeting, the Co-chairs drafted two *new* issue statements for the Committee's consideration. Comments were made that suggested two, rather than one, statements may better clarify the issues. Therefore, Statement B is more focused on groundwater utilization under the AWS Program and Statement C is more focused on CAGRDR. The statements below represent a modification to prior statements by including several supporting bullet points.

Statement B was developed from the suggested statements and comments made to focus on groundwater utilization and the AWS Program.

Statement B:

The State allows for the approval of AWS determinations based solely on groundwater, which continues to pose risks to groundwater supplies in the AMAs beyond 2025, including:

- Growth can continue to occur on new groundwater withdrawals (both replenished and unreplenished) that will become more limited in the future.
- AWS determinations cannot be issued once ADWR determines there is insufficient groundwater physically available.
- Demonstrations of physical availability to 1,000 feet or 1,100 feet may allow pumping that is unsustainable and may result in water quality issues.

Statement C was developed from the suggested statements and comments regarding the risk of future supplies available to the CAGRDR.

Statement C:

Groundwater pumping can continue to occur under AWS determinations. While some of that groundwater use will be replenished by the CAGRDR, there are potential long-term risks in both replenishment supply availability and costs for the CAGRDR and its members.