

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

**Executive Order 2019-02**

**Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation, and Conservation Council (Supersedes and Rescinds Executive Order 2015-13)**

**Whereas**, in January of 2014, the Arizona Department of Water Resources released "Arizona's Next Century: A Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability" (Strategic Vision) that identified key priorities, timelines and action items to maintain sustainable water supplies for Arizona into its next century;

**Whereas**, the Strategic Vision divided the state into twenty-two planning areas and analyzed the water demands and supplies for each and identified strategies for meeting water demands into the future;

**Whereas**, Arizona Governor Janice K. Brewer established the Governor's Council on Water Supply Sustainability on November 4, 2014 that published an Initial Report on December 31, 2014;

**Whereas**, the Initial Report recommended that working groups be formed to develop, evaluate and prioritize recommendations and potential partnerships regarding water supply augmentation and water supply infrastructure needs;

**Whereas**, on October 5, 2015, I, Governor Douglas A. Ducey announced a Water Initiative to implement the Strategic Vision and address the recommendations of the Initial Report through two tracks to insure the certainty of Arizona's water supply into the future.

**Whereas**, sustainable water supplies are essential to the economic vitality and quality of life for Arizona and its citizens;

**Whereas**, the proactive measures taken by the State of Arizona have resulted in a current state of resiliency with respect to its water supplies;

**Whereas**, it is important for the work of the Governor's Water Initiative to be continued and expanded upon through the creation of a new Council with a long-term focus on water augmentation, innovation, and conservation; and

**Whereas**, given the importance of sustainable water supplies to Arizona and policy decisions that must be made, members of the Arizona Legislature should serve on the Council in addition to individuals appointed by the Governor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona, hereby order as follows:**

1. The Governor's Water Augmentation Council is hereby dissolved and the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation, and Conservation Council (Council) shall be created to analyze and

- recommend opportunities for water augmentation, innovation, and conservation.
2. The Council shall continue the work of the Governor's Water Initiative to investigate long-term water augmentation strategies for the state. In addition, the Council shall investigate strategies for water innovation and conservation.
  3. The Council shall assess the long-term impacts of conservation projects funded with monies from the augmentation and conservation assistance fund established pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-615(1) and report on those impacts in its annual report required under paragraph 11 of this Executive Order.
  4. The Council shall meet quarterly.
  5. The Council shall consist of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, House Minority Leader and Senate Minority Leader or their legislative designees. The Council shall additionally consist of individuals appointed by the Governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Organizations currently represented on the Governor's Water Augmentation Council shall continue to serve on the Council, and members representing those organizations may continue to serve without the need for new appointment.
  6. The director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources shall serve as the Chair of the Council.
  7. The Arizona Department of Water Resources shall provide staffing and technical support to the Council.
  8. The Council shall consider the need to create additional working groups and, if formed, Council members shall serve on working groups that may also include non-Council members.
  9. The Council shall consider a communication plan for the State to accurately convey the status of its water supply resiliency and its efforts to maintain that status moving forward.
  10. The Council shall prepare an annual report and submit it to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, House Minority Leader and Senate Minority Leader and the Governor by July 1, 2020 and by July 1 every year thereafter.
  11. The annual report shall describe the activities and the recommendations of the Council.
  12. Executive Order 2015-13 is hereby superseded by this Order and Executive Order 2015-13 is rescinded.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

**GOVERNOR**

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 31st day of January in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Third.

ATTEST:

**Secretary of State**