ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF JOINT SENATE MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND COMMERCE
AND
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND WATER

DATE: April 3, 2024 **TIME:** 3:00 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator J.D. Mesnard
Senator Sine Kerr

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Senator Shawnna Bolick
Senator T.J. Shope

ANALYST: Rachel Andrews

ATTENDANCE

Finance and Commerce Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex
Senator Alston			X
Senator Epstein		X	
Senator Fernandez		X	
Senator Gowan	X		
Senator Shamp			X
Senator Bolick, Vice-Chairman			X
Senator Mesnard, Chairman	X		

Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex
Senator Carroll			X
Senator Fernandez		X	
Senator Gowan	X		
Senator Mendez		X	
Senator Sundareshan		X	
Senator Shope, Vice-Chairman	X		
Senator Kerr, Chairman	X		

PRESENTATIONS

- *The Phoenix AMA Groundwater Model and Assured Water Supply Moratorium,* Robert Anderson, Director, Fennemore
- *Phoenix AMA Model Proposal to Modify 100-Year Assumptions*, Nathan Miller, VP Groundwater Modeling Services, Matrix New World
- *Water and Housing Affordability*, Spencer Kamps, VP of Legislative Affairs, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona

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https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=202401020

Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and attendance was noted.

PRESENTATIONS

The Phoenix AMA Groundwater Model and Assured Water Supply Moratorium

Robert Anderson, Director, Fennemore, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "The Phoenix AMA Groundwater Model and Assured Water Supply Moratorium" (Attachment A).

Phoenix AMA Model Proposal to Modify 100-Year Assumptions

Nathan Miller, VP Groundwater Modeling Services, Matrix New World, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Phoenix AMA Model Proposal to Modify 100-Year Assumptions" (Attachment B) and distributed a handout entitled "2024 Matrix Revised Phoenix AMA Model" (Attachment C).

Elizabeth Mora, Senior Hydrogeologist, Matrix New World, continued to explain the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Miller continued to explain the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment B).

Water and Housing Affordability

Michelle Van Quathem, Water Attorney, representing Pulte Homes Company, offered comments in support of the water model proposal.

David O'Reilly, Chief Executive Officer, Howard Hughes, offered comments in support of the water model proposal.

Chris Barr, Buckeye Tartesso LLC, offered comments in support of the water model proposal.

Michael Pierce, LKY Development, offered comments in support of the water model proposal.

Spencer Kamps, VP of Legislative Affairs, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Water- Arizona's Economy and Housing" (Attachment D) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigid Fitzgerald
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at http://www.azleg.gov)