

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 2024
WIFA BOARD MEETING 9:00AM

Water Infrastructure Finance Authority
100 N. 7th Avenue
Suite 100 – Camelback Conference Room
(Public access will be permitted starting at 8:45 AM)

Public Zoom Meeting:
Board Members please join using the Panelist Invitation Link

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FINAL AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order

1. David Beckham, WIFA Board Chairman, will call the WIFA Board Meeting to order with a call for quorum.
2. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest – *Members may identify and disclose conflicts at this time.*

Update, Discussion or Presentation

3. **Presentation:** Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) will provide a twenty-minute (20) informational update on PFAS
4. **Report:** Director’s Report including Legislative and Rulemaking Updates – *Chuck Podolak will lead the discussion*

Consent Agenda

The following items are noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters which may not require public discussion. Any matter on the Consent Agenda will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed as a regular agenda item upon the request of any Board member.

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5. **Recommend Adoption of the:**
 - a. CWSRF Financial Assistance Project Priority List Funding Cycle 2024
 - b. DWSRF Financial Assistance Project Priority List Funding Cycle 2024

Loan Resolution Approvals

6. **CWSRF** - Approval of Loan Resolution 2024-230 – Pine Creek Canyon Domestic Water Improvement District – \$123,000
7. **DWSRF** - Approval of Loan Resolution 2024-231 – Sierrita Mountain Water Co-Op – \$250,000

Regular Agenda

8. **Review, Discuss & Possible Action:** Refunding Opportunity for Series 2014 Bonds – *Denise Olson will lead the discussion*
9. **WCGF – Review & Discuss:** Water Conservation Grant Fund Application Status – *Lindsey Jones will lead the discussion*

The Board will consider the remaining applications for funding from the Water Conservation Grant Fund. The Board may choose to review and discuss one or more applications before making final decisions. Applications may be considered in any order at the Chair's discretion.

10. **Consideration of Advanced Meter/System Upgrades, Turf Removal and Efficient Fixture Grant Applications** – *Lindsey Jones will lead the discussion*

a. Applications Committee Recommended by unanimous vote to approve

1. Grant Resolution 2024-258 – Creighton School District (Loma Linda) – WCGF – \$1,558,244.42
2. Grant Resolution 2024-263 – Maine Consolidated School District #10 – WCGF – \$357,454.62
3. Grant Resolution 2024-270 – Round Valley Unified School District – WCGF – \$3,000,000
4. Grant Resolution 2024-268 – Queen Creek Unified School District #95 – WCGF – \$2,700,000
5. Grant Resolution 2024-240 – Arizona Water Company (Munds Park) – WCGF – \$927,032.25

b. Applications Committee Recommended by split vote to approve

1. Grant Resolution 2024-267 – Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District – WCGF – \$1,575,675.00 – 7 Yes; 1 No
2. Grant Resolution 2024-255 – City of Tucson – WCGF – \$720,000 – 7 Yes; 1 No
3. Grant Resolution 2024-253 – City of Tucson – WCGF – \$1,305,000 – 7 Yes; 1 No

c. Applications Committee Recommended by unanimous vote to disapprove

1. Grant Resolution 2024-242 – Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum Inc. -Partnering with Town of Superior – WCGF – \$939,400

11. **Consideration of Recharge/Reuse, Education/Research/Studies Grant Applications** – *Lindsey Jones will lead the discussion*

a. Applications Committee Recommended by unanimous vote to approve

1. Grant Resolution 2024-234 – Apache Junction Sewer District – WCGF – \$250,000
2. Grant Resolution 2024-243 – Buckskin Sanitary District – WCGF – \$250,000
3. Grant Resolution 2024-257 – Cochise County – WCGF – \$3,000,000
4. Grant Resolution 2024-246 – City of El Mirage – WCGF – \$250,000

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5. Grant Resolution 2024-247 – City of Flagstaff – WCGF – \$80,000
6. Grant Resolution 2024-248 – City of Flagstaff – WCGF – \$60,000
7. Grant Resolution 2024-261 – Liberty Utilities (Bella Vista Water) Corp – WCGF – \$82,800
8. Grant Resolution 2024-262 – Liberty Utilities (Litchfield Park Water & Sewer) Corp – WCGF – \$3,000,000
9. Grant Resolution 2024-271 – Sonoran Institute – Partnering with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality – WCGF – \$1,620,139
10. Grant Resolution 2024-275 – Town of Superior – WCGF – \$140,026

b. Applications Committee Recommended by split vote to approve

1. Grant Resolution 2024-266 – Pima County – WCGF – \$250,000 – 6 Yes; 1 No
2. Grant Resolution 2024-274 – Town of Prescott Valley – WCGF – \$714,274.40 – 6 Yes; 1 No
3. Grant Resolution 2024-269 – Roosevelt Irrigation District – WCGF – \$2,250,000 – 6 Yes; 1 No
4. Grant Resolution 2024-284 – Willcox San Simon Natural Resource Conservation District – WCGF – \$562,000 – 6 Yes; 1 No
5. Grant Resolution 2024-244 – City of Cottonwood – WCGF – \$352,351.42 – 5 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstain
6. Grant Resolution 2024-260 – Friends of the Verde River – Partnering with Town of Camp Verde – WCGF – \$250,000 – 5 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstain
7. Grant Resolution 2024-276 – Tri-City Regional Sanitary District – WCGF – \$3,000,000 – 5 Yes; 2 No
8. Grant Resolution 2024-265 – Northern Arizona University – WCGF – \$204,308.20 – 5 Yes; 2 No
9. Grant Resolution 2024-254 – City of Tucson – WCGF – \$1,261,633.78 – 4 Yes; 3 No
10. Grant Resolution 2024-282 – Watershed Management Group – Partnering with Pima County – WCGF – \$239,041.44 – 4 Yes; 3 No

c. Applications Committee Recommended by split vote to disapprove

1. Grant Resolution 2024-238 – Arizona State University – WCGF – \$3,000,000 – 3 Yes; 3 No; 1 abstain
2. Grant Resolution 2024-241 – Arizona Water Company (Miami/Globe) – WCGF - \$31,297.50 – 2 Yes; 5 No
3. Grant Resolution 2024-245 – City of El Mirage – WCGF – \$133,041 – 2 Yes; 5 No
4. Grant Resolution 2024-249 – Lake Havasu City – WCGF – \$56,250 – 2 Yes; 5 No
5. Grant Resolution 2024-272 – Town of Marana – WCGF – \$3,000,000 – 2 Yes; 5 No
6. Grant Resolution 2024-279 – Tucson Clean & Beautiful Inc. - Partnering with City of Tucson – WCGF – \$591,000 – 2 Yes; 5 No
7. Grant Resolution 2024-237 – University of Arizona – WCGF – \$200,000 – 2 Yes; 4 No; 1 abstain
8. Grant Resolution 2024-283 – Watershed Management Group – Partnering with Pima County – WCGF – \$2,582,093 – 2 Yes; 5 No
9. Grant Resolution 2024-256 – City of Willcox – WCGF – \$186,455 – 2 Yes; 5 No
10. Grant Resolution 2024-264 – Maricopa County Flood Control District – WCGF – \$1,000,000 – 1 Yes; 6 No
11. Grant Resolution 2024-239 – Northern Arizona University – WCGF – \$131,936.55 – 1 Yes; 6 No
12. Grant Resolution 2024-236 – University of Arizona – WCGF – \$175,069.00 – 1 Yes; 5 No; 1 Abstain

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- d. **Applications Committee Recommended by unanimous vote to disapprove**
1. Grant Resolution 2024-235 – Apache Junction Water District – WCGF - \$3,000,000
 2. Grant Resolution 2024-259 – Drylands Alliance for Addressing Water Needs - Partnering with Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District – WCGF – \$249,495.71
 3. Grant Resolution 2024-250 – City of Phoenix – WCGF – \$3,000,000
 4. Grant Resolution 2024-277 – Tri-City Regional Sanitary District – WCGF – \$3,000,000
 5. Grant Resolution 2024-278 – Tri-City Regional Sanitary District – WCGF – \$3,000,000
 6. Grant Resolution 2024-281 – Watershed Management Group – Partnering with City of Tucson – WCGF – \$2,124,848.44
12. **Consideration of Applications Previously Tabled by the Board** – Lindsey Jones will lead the discussion
- a. Grant Resolution 2024-273 – Oro Valley – WCGF – \$3,000,000
 - b. Grant Resolution 2024-188 – City of Phoenix – WCGF – \$1,784,024
 - c. Grant Resolution 2024-189 – City of Phoenix – WCGF – \$1,765,514

Call to the Public

13. **Call to the Public:** This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Members of the public wishing to address the board must fill out and submit a request on the online form provided. Comments will be limited to three minutes.

Members of the public attending virtually that wish to comment may do so by completing the public comment card available by following the link below:

Request to Address the Board: <https://forms.microsoft.com/g/PC1JMwRccs>

Please note that public comments on individual Water Conservation Grant Fund applications must be submitted via email to be considered by the Board. Comments should be emailed to contact@azwifa.gov by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

Meeting Conclusion & Adjournment of Public Meeting

14. *Agenda Development*

- Solicitation of Members for future agenda items. Action taken will be limited to scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date – *David Beckham, WIFA's Board Chairman will lead the discussion*

15. *Next Meeting:*

- Next WIFA Board Meeting Date: Wednesday June 19, 2024, in Phoenix, Arizona – starting at 9:00 AM – *David Beckham, WIFA's Board Chairman, will lead the discussion*

16. *Adjournment*

Notes on Proceedings

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meeting minutes is not required.

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The Board may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for any item listed on the agenda, for the following purposes: obtaining legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), or any other purpose as authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03. Executive sessions are not open to the public. All legal action will take place in a meeting that is open to the public.

At its discretion, the Board may consider and act upon any agenda item out of order. One or more Board members may participate via teleconference. The agenda for the meeting is subject to change up to 24 hours before the meeting. **All matters on the agenda may be discussed, considered and are subject to action by the Board. The Board reserves the right to table any item on the agenda.**

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