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Second Meeting of Water Sustainability Panel on Friday

PHOENIX (Feb. 4, 2010) – The second meeting of the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Water Sustainability will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5 in Room 3175 of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality building, located at 1110 W. Washington.

The panel, which was formed in response to Gov. Jan Brewer’s call for improved statewide water sustainability in a variety of ways including increased recycling and conservation, conducted its first meeting Jan. 8. It is co-chaired by Arizona Department of Water Resources Director Herb Guenther, Arizona Corporation Commission Chairman Kris Mayes, and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Benjamin H. Grumbles.

Among the agenda topics for Friday’s meeting are presentations on reclaimed water trends, a review of authority over the state water and reclaimed water, and survey results of perceptions about the use of reclaimed water in Arizona.

The following members have been invited to serve on the panel:

Mary Alexander, vice president and general counsel of DMB Developments in Scottsdale
Mike Anable, Gov. Jan Brewer’s natural resources policy advisor in Phoenix
Rep. Ray Barnes of District 7 in Phoenix
Ray Benally, water resources manager for Navajo Nation in Window Rock
Paul Bonavia, chairman, president and chief executive office of Tucson Electric Power in Tucson
Steve Brophy, owner of Page Land & Cattle Co. in Phoenix
Kevin Burke, Flagstaff city manager
Brenda Burman, program director, The Nature Conservancy in Flagstaff
Tom Buschatzke, water adviser, City of Phoenix
Guy Carpenter, president of National WaterReuse Association in Phoenix
Kathleen Chavez, wastewater management program for Pima County in Tucson
Tom Davis, manager of Yuma County Water Users’ Association in Yuma
Ron Doba, president of Az WaterReuse Association in Phoenix
Len Drago, Environmental Health Services manager for Intel in Chandler
Carol Erwin, area manager for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Glendale
John Gall, president of Arizona Association of Realtors, of Lake Havasu City

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Trevor Hill, president of Global Water in Phoenix  
John Kmiec, water division environmental and regulatory compliance supervisor, City of Tucson  
John R. Lewis, executive director of Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona in Phoenix  
Robert Lotts, water resources manager for Arizona Public Service Co. in Phoenix  
State Rep. Lucy Mason of District 1 in Prescott  
Dr. Sharon Megdal, director of University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center in Tucson  
David Modeer, general manager of Central Arizona Project in Phoenix  
State Sen. John Nelson of District 12 in Glendale  
Bonnie O’Connor, president of Southwestern Utility Management in Tucson  
Steve Olson, executive director of Arizona Municipal Water Users Association in Phoenix  
Ron Rayner, farmer/irrigator from Maricopa County  
Mike Rutherford, chairman of Upper San Pedro Water District in Sierra Vista  
Leroy Shingoitewa, president of Hopi Nation in Kykotsmovi  
David Snider, Pinal County supervisor in Casa Grande  
Ken Strobeck, executive director of Arizona League of Cities and Towns in Phoenix  
John Sullivan, associate general manager for Salt River Project in Phoenix  
Warren Tenney, assistant general manager of Metro Drinking Water Improvement District in Tucson  
Marsha Thompson, president of Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperatives Inc. in Phoenix  
Paul Townsley, president of Arizona-American Water in Phoenix  
Chris Udall, executive director of Agri-Business Council of AZ in Mesa  
Lyn White, vice president of Freeport-McMoRan in Phoenix

Members of the panel or their designees will meet over the next several months to offer recommendations by the end of the year for better water and reclaimed water management. The blue-ribbon panel will discuss the specifics in five work groups which will be open to broad public participation to discuss key issues.

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