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Gov. Brewer Proclaims Week of Sept. 11 ‘Arizona Water Reuse Week’; Symposium at Wild Horse Pass Resort

PHOENIX (Sept. 9, 2011) – Gov. Jan Brewer has proclaimed the week of Sept. 11-17 as “Arizona Water Reuse Week” and the world’s premier water reuse and desalination symposium starts its four-day run on Sunday at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort in Phoenix.

Gov. Brewer’s proclamation notes that Arizona has protected its water supplies by being a national leader in water reuse, reclaiming water from 65 percent of its wastewater treatment plants for beneficial uses like replenishing rivers, streams and lakes and recharging aquifers. The State reuses more than 200 million gallons of reclaimed water daily and another 32 million gallons a day recharges aquifers.

Arizona was one of the first states to begin reuse of treated wastewater, at Grand Canyon Village in 1926 for power generation and the Phoenix area in 1932 for agriculture.

Gov. Brewer’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Water Sustainability, which included leaders of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Department of Water Resources and Arizona Corporation Commission, issued its final report about how to improve the State’s water future in December 2010.

Among the recommendations were streamlining regulations to foster the increased use of reclaimed and recycled water in Arizona.

The WateReuse Association’s 26th Annual WateReuse Symposium is expected to attract more than 650 leaders in the water reuse and desalination field from around the world. The symposium will feature more than 100 technical presentations, tours, an exhibition and a national legislative and water policy outlook session.

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