

**Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 12, 2024**

**Legislative Updates 2024**

**Report**

The Arizona State Legislature is now in session. Staff monitors and will update the Board on proposed legislation related to water, special districts, and other topics that could have an impact on the District. The Southern Arizona Water Users Association (SAWUA) also monitors legislative activity and provides a weekly report as a resource for its members. If any item arises requiring discussion or consideration by the Board, it will be placed on a future agenda.

*Support HB 2160 – Domestic water improvement districts; reviews*

Would require formerly exempt Domestic Water Improvement Districts to submit adopted budgets and independent audits to the respective county Board of Supervisors and the county treasurer.

*Oppose HB 2366 – Physical availability; review; designated providers*

Would effectively undermine the ability of designated municipal water providers to use groundwater that has been allocated to them under decades-old designations. While this Bill currently targets Phoenix area municipal water providers, the bill sets a precedent that could reverberate throughout Arizona.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors discuss with staff any questions or issues regarding the legislative session. Following the discussion, the Board may make a motion to direct staff to support or oppose the legislation that is discussed.

**Suggested Motion**

I move to direct the General Manager to submit a statement of formal approval to House Bill 2160 and formally oppose House Bill 2366 on behalf of the Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Olsen, P.E.  
General Manager