

OVERVIEW OF GOVERNOR HOBBS 2025 HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION — \$60.3 MILLION

\$14.6M Deposit to WIFA Water Conservation Grant Fund

To solve Arizona's water challenges, conservation is one of our best opportunities. WIFA's Water Conservation Grant Fund has made enormous investments in water conservation thanks to the \$200 million awarded by the State in ARPA money for WIFA to use for conservation-focused projects across Arizona. To date, WIFA has funded over 150 water conservation projects. Governor Hobbs recognizes the need to invest in current and future water solutions. That's why the 2025 Executive Budget protects WIFA's funding for rural water supply development and long-term augmentation. These critical resources will ensure rural areas can invest in the infrastructure they need to be water resilient, and that Arizona is investing in the infrastructure we need to find sustainable, renewable water supplies for the future. And for this year, Governor Hobbs has now allocated an additional \$14.6 million to the Water Conservation Grant Fund to enable WIFA to continue investing in generational water conservation projects.

\$12.3M to Assist Small, Disadvantaged Public Water Systems Provide Clean Drinking Water

Governor Hobbs is committed to ensuring that all Arizonans have safe, clean, reliable drinking water supplies. This significant investment of \$12.3 million will assist the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in providing technical assistance and infrastructure funding to small, disadvantaged public drinking water systems that are currently struggling to provide clean drinking water to their customers.

\$5M PFAS Statewide Sampling, Characterization, & Remediation

In her 2023 Budget, Governor Hobbs secured Arizona's first-ever legislative appropriation of \$5m for the characterization and cleanup of PFAS "forever chemicals." This allocation of an additional \$5m doubles this historic investment and will help provide the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality with the resources to find and remediate PFAS contamination in Arizona water supplies.

\$500,000 ADEQ Rural Wastewater Contamination Cleanup & Prevention Funds

Nearly 50 years ago, Arizona banned the use of cesspools to dispose of wastewater, but across rural Arizona, continued use of cesspools and failing septic systems threaten to pollute Arizona's drinking water supplies. This funding will boost ADEQ efforts to identify, track, and replace failing wastewater disposal systems that threaten Arizona's groundwater and surface water quality.

\$12M Grant for City of Buckeye Renewable Water Infrastructure

The City of Buckeye has committed to increasing the sustainability of its water resource portfolio, and enrolling in the new Alternative Designation of 100-year Assured Water Supply (ADAWS) Program. This allocation of \$12 million will help Buckeye build infrastructure to reuse its effluent supplies and recover them from a hydrologically connected area; facilitating sustainable growth and increased use of renewable water supplies.

\$7M Statewide Groundwater Monitoring and Data Collection

To ensure that Arizona's groundwater resources are properly managed and protected, Governor Hobbs has invested \$7m to the Arizona Department of Water Resources to install groundwater monitoring index wells throughout rural Arizona to observe declining groundwater levels and inform ongoing groundwater protection efforts.

\$5.5M For ADWR Hydrogeologic Studies in Priority Groundwater Basins

To help rural communities understand and protect their groundwater supplies, the Arizona Department of Water Resources creates groundwater models that help water managers and community leaders understand the conditions of their aquifers. This \$5.5 million investment will allow ADWR scientists and hydrologists to collect key hydrogeologic information to build these critical models in groundwater basins experiencing severe water declines.

\$3.49M ADWR Leading Edge Satellite Water Monitoring Systems & Equipment

This investment at the Arizona Department of Water Resources funds the acquisition and use of cutting-edge technologies including absolute gravity survey equipment to monitor aquifer conditions, funding for the Arizona Continuously Operating Reference Stations (AZCORS) Network that provides critical GPS data for scientists, engineers, and surveyors throughout Arizona, funds for satellite monitoring of statewide water demand, and funding for ADWR contractual partnerships with the USGS to collect key water use data.