



## No Action on State Budget or Water



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Hi everyone!

Another week has come and gone and still there is no state budget and no agreement on a path forward regarding water. Regarding water, we're glad legislators are not advancing the Governor's proposal to create an unaccountable entity to fund massive projects such as desalination. We would like to see the Legislature pass something to help with better conserving water, however.

**Tell your legislators that any water plan should prioritize conservation and better limit groundwater pumping, protect rivers, and recognize the connection between ground and surface water, among other things. You can find your legislators' email addresses and phone numbers [here](#).**

Right after we sent last week's update, we found out the Governor vetoed [HB2617 voter registration; cancellations; causes](#) (Chaplik: Barton, Biasiucci, et al.), a bill that directs county recorders to scrutinize voters, and possibly remove them from the rolls, if the county recorder "has reason to believe" the voter is not a U.S. citizen. Great news! **You can call and thank Governor Ducey for the veto at (602) 542-1331.**

In other good news, [HCR2038 supporting proper forest management](#) (Griffin) was defeated in the Senate 15-14-1. While it is just a message to Congress, it contains revisionist history regarding the history of national forests. It fails to recognize the impacts of commercial logging on forest health -- most of the larger trees were logged in Arizona, leaving more

opportunities for the dense growth of smaller trees -- fire suppression, and livestock grazing. There is no mention of climate change. It was good to see it defeated.

Another bad resolution, [HCR2024 30x30 land program; opposing](#) (Griffin) will likely still come back for reconsideration. It expresses the legislature's opposition to the Biden Administration's 30x30 program to protect 30 percent of our nation's lands and waters, as well opposition to other efforts to protect public lands from development, including as wilderness, conservation lands, etc. We hope they reject it again.

To view bills we are tracking [go here](#).

To find your legislators' email addresses and phone numbers [go here](#).

Thank you!

All the best,



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Coolidge Generating Station photo by Caryn Potter

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## **ACC Considering rehearing on the Coolidge Gas Plant Expansion!**

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On Monday, June 6th, the Arizona Corporation Commission will be voting on whether or not to reconsider its decision to deny a certificate of environmental compatibility for Salt River Project's (SRP) proposed expansion of the Coolidge Generating Station, a gas-fired power plant.

Please consider coming to the Commission to demonstrate opposition to the Commission reversing this important decision. We encourage people to get there at 1:00 PM. The meeting starts at 2:00 PM.

This plant expansion could lock in decades of new fossil-fuel use, all while Arizona sits in the bull's eye of climate change. Key concerns about the plant are the impacts on air quality, additional climate harming emissions, the fact that SRP did not seriously consider cleaner, more environmentally friendly alternatives, and that the facility expansion will disproportionately impact the community of Randolph, which is predominantly a community of color that has already suffered the effects of environmental racism.

We want the ACC to stick with its decision to say no to this plant expansion.

**Join us at the ACC at 1200 W Washington St, Phoenix at 1:00 PM on Monday and send a comment opposing the rehearing [here](#). Tell the ACC to hold strong in denying this permit. You will need to enter the docket number L-00000B-21-0393-00197 in order to comment using this form.**

Thank you!

