



**Time to Stop Some Bills
Vote NO and Veto Requests!**



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HB2787!**



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Hi Friends!

I'm sorry I did not get the update out on Friday. I was traveling and simply ran out of time. Last week we got some good news with the outcome of the Salt River Project election. Many thanks to everyone who helped make that happen, including all of the candidates who stepped up to run. [Read more about that here.](#)

Both the House and Senate advanced bills on the floor this past week, including

one that has reached the Governor, HB2787. [HB2787 federal nullification; Mexican wolf; reintroduction](#) (Diaz) prohibits the state from administering, enforcing, or cooperating or spending any money on Mexican gray wolf reintroduction and recovery. This is another short-sighted bill to hinder wolf recovery and would ensure that the state wildlife agency would have little say in the wolf recovery program.

[Ask Governor Hobbs to veto HB2787.](#)

Also advancing and likely to land on the Governor's desk soon is [SB1418 corporation commission; small modular reactors](#) (Carroll). It preempts counties – except Maricopa and Pima – from regulating the location of these small modular nuclear reactors if they are co-located with a large industrial electricity user such as a data center. We have data centers locating here in our communities indiscriminately and using enormous amounts of water and electricity, plus providing very few sustainable jobs. SB1418 also says nuclear power units are not subject to requirements for a certificate of environmental compatibility, if they are being sited where there was another thermal power plant. Take action to demand accountability on small reactors and data centers below.

Tell Your Reps to Vote NO on SB1418!

Still alive and in the mix is [SB1280 Public monies; Mexican wolf; Prohibition](#) (Farnsworth). Also dubbed the [Cruella de Vil Act](#), SB1280 would prohibit the Arizona Game and Fish Commission from transporting Mexican gray wolf puppies into Arizona and also from spending any money for transporting wolf puppies into the state. This is a direct attack on the current federal efforts to improve the genetic diversity of Mexican gray wolves in the wild, and undermines the science-based administration of the Endangered Species Act.



[Tell your representatives to vote no on SB1280!](#)

Take Action to Oppose SB1280!

Some in the Arizona Legislature are still trying to help hedge funds swipe rural water!

[HB2758 McMullen Valley; eligible entities; groundwater](#) (Griffin: Blackman) is among the worst water legislation moving through the process. The bill allows private water companies and a New York hedge fund, Water Asset Management, to engage in the interbasin transfer of groundwater from the McMullen Valley in La Paz County to elsewhere in La Paz County or to an active management area - - basically the Phoenix area. HB2758 creates sacrifice zones for groundwater pumping to the detriment of rural Arizonans in order to feed the growth machine in urban areas and to benefit the bottom line of this hedge fund. Learn more about the small communities fighting this bill [here](#).

[Please ask your Senator to Vote NO on HB2758!](#)

Use the link below to learn more and take action.

Protect Rural Arizona Water!

While helping hedge funds steal water, legislators are also seeking to hinder clean solar energy development!

[HB2975 state lands; solar score; maps](#) (Heap: Marshall) prohibits the State Land Department from using solar score maps or other similar types of evaluation of state trust lands for its appropriateness for solar energy generation. This removes transparency and is contrary to the good planning. It is intended to be punitive of solar as it then goes on to require mapping for mining and housing. Why mining and not solar?

[Please ask your senator to vote no on HB2975!](#)

Speak up for Solar!

Leaving no stone unturned when it comes to bad policy, legislators, especially Senator John Kavanagh, are attacking light rail as well. [SB1332 Now: light rail expansion; feasibility review](#) (Kavanagh) requires a biased study of light rail and attempts to pit it against other forms of transportation. Requiring an analysis that compares light rail and autonomous or semiautonomous vehicles is an apples to oranges comparison and provides no real beneficial information or benefits to our communities. How would that information be appropriately used? We think it will not.

Light rail is not in competition with other forms of transportation but rather augments them and is especially important to coordinate with buses, plus it is a key component of our transit system in the Phoenix area. Light rail provides significant benefits and can help reduce congestion, provide affordable transportation for those who do not drive, provide air quality benefits by keeping some vehicles off the road, and help provide economic activity along light rail routes. The light rail in Phoenix also helps provide access to nature as the south-central route allows more people to take light rail to the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, for example.

It's not like there are no studies on light rail either. Just visit the Valley Metro page and you will find several.

Call your representatives and ask them to vote NO on SB1332. You can find their phone numbers [here](#).

[Find our 2026 bill tracker here.](#)

Below is an opportunity to support a positive proposal to protect one of our rivers.

Thank you for speaking up and taking action!

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If you have any questions, reach out to sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org.

Take Action This Week to Protect a River!



The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is taking public comments on the proposal to designate specific reaches of the Upper Verde River and Sycamore Creek (upstream of Clarkdale, AZ) as an Outstanding Arizona Water (OAW). This process is being initiated due to a nomination submitted by the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club with support from seven other river conservation organizations. Upper Verde OAW designation will help safeguard the river's exceptional ecological, recreational, and cultural values for current and future generations.

Submit your comment before April 14, 2026!

[You can submit your comment here – please add a personal comment about why you care.](#)

Thank you!

Help Protect the Verde River!

