REFERENCE TITLE: critical water area pilot districts

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 9-463.01 AND 11-806.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 45, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 17; RELATING TO CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICTS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 9-463.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

9-463.01. <u>Authority</u>

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of this article, the legislative body of every municipality shall regulate the subdivision of all lands within its corporate limits.
- B. The legislative body of a municipality shall exercise the authority granted in subsection A of this section by ordinance prescribing:
- 1. Procedures to be followed in the preparation, submission, review and approval or rejection of all final plats.
 - 2. Standards governing the design of subdivision plats.
- 3. Minimum requirements and standards for the installation of subdivision streets, sewer and water utilities and improvements as a condition of final plat approval.
 - C. By ordinance, the legislative body of any municipality shall:
- 1. Require the preparation, submission and approval of a preliminary plat as a condition precedent to submission of a final plat.
- 2. Establish the procedures to be followed in the preparation, submission, review and approval of preliminary plats.
 - 3. Make requirements as to the form and content of preliminary plats.
- 4. EITHER determine that certain lands may either not be subdivided, by reason of adverse topography, periodic inundation, adverse soils, subsidence of the earth's surface, high water table, lack of water or other natural or man-made hazard to life or property, or control the lot size, establish special grading and drainage requirements, and impose other regulations deemed reasonable and necessary for the public health, safety or general welfare on any lands to be subdivided affected by such characteristics.
- 5. Require payment of a proper and reasonable fee by the subdivider based upon the number of lots or parcels on the surface of the land to defray municipal costs of plat review and site inspection.
- 6. Require the dedication of public streets, sewer and water utility easements or rights-of-way, within the proposed subdivision.
- 7. Require the preparation and submission of acceptable engineering plans and specifications for the installation of required street, sewer, electric and water utilities, drainage, flood control, adequacy of water and improvements as a condition precedent to recordation of an approved final plat.
- 8. Require the posting of performance bonds, assurances or such other security as may be appropriate and necessary to assure the installation of required street, sewer, electric and water utilities, drainage, flood control and improvements meeting established minimum standards of design and construction.

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- D. The legislative body of any municipality may require by ordinance that land areas within a subdivision be reserved for parks, recreational facilities, school sites and fire stations subject to the following conditions:
- 1. The requirement may only be made upon preliminary plats filed at least thirty days after the adoption of a general or specific plan affecting the land area to be reserved.
- 2. The required reservations are in accordance with definite principles and standards adopted by the legislative body.
- 3. The land area reserved shall be of such a size and shape as to permit the remainder of the land area of the subdivision within which the reservation is located to develop in an orderly and efficient manner.
- 4. The land area reserved shall be in such multiples of streets and parcels as to permit an efficient division of the reserved area in the event that it is not acquired within the prescribed period.
- E. The public agency for whose benefit an area has been reserved shall have a period of one year after recording the final subdivision plat to enter into an agreement to acquire such reserved land area. The purchase price shall be the fair market value of the reserved land area at the time of the filing of the preliminary subdivision plat plus the taxes against such reserved area from the date of the reservation and any other costs incurred by the subdivider in the maintenance of such reserved area, including the interest cost incurred on any loan covering such reserved area.
- F. If the public agency for whose benefit an area has been reserved does not exercise the reservation agreement set forth in subsection E of this section within such one year period or such extended period as may be mutually agreed upon by such public agency and the subdivider, the reservation of such area shall terminate.
- G. The legislative body of every municipality shall comply with all provisions of this article and applicable state statutes pertaining to the hearing, approval or rejection, and recordation of:
 - 1. Final subdivision plats.
- 2. Plats filed for the purpose of reverting to acreage of land previously subdivided.
- 3. Plats filed for the purpose of vacating streets or easements previously dedicated to the public.
- 4. Plats filed for the purpose of vacating or redescribing lot or parcel boundaries previously recorded.
- H. Approval of every preliminary and final plat by a legislative body is conditioned upon compliance by the subdivider with:
- 1. Rules as may be established by the department of transportation relating to provisions for the safety of entrance upon and departure from abutting state primary highways.

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- 2. Rules as may be established by a county flood control district relating to the construction or prevention of construction of streets in land established as being subject to periodic inundation.
- 3. Rules as may be established by the department of health services or a county health department relating to the provision of domestic water supply and sanitary sewage disposal.
- I. If the subdivision is comprised of subdivided lands, as defined in section 32-2101, and is within a groundwater active management area, as defined in section 45-402, the final plat shall not be approved unless it is accompanied by a certificate of assured water supply issued by the director of water resources, or unless the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an assured water supply by the director of water resources pursuant to section 45-576 or is exempt from the requirement pursuant to section 45-576. The legislative body of the municipality shall note on the face of the final plat that a certificate of assured water supply has been submitted with the plat or that the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the proposed subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an assured water supply, pursuant to section 45-576 or is exempt from the requirement pursuant to section 45-576.
- J. IF THE SUBDIVISION IS IN A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-2803, THE FINAL PLAT SHALL NOT BE APPROVED UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A FINDING BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES THAT THE SUBDIVISION HAS RECEIVED A DETERMINATION OF SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 45-2808. THE LEGISLATIVE BODY SHALL INCORPORATE INTO THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF A SUBDIVISION ALL CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE FINDING OF SUSTAINABILITY APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THAT SUBDIVISION. ON FINAL APPROVAL OF ANY SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY SHALL NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE APPROVAL AND THE NUMBER OF LOTS APPROVED.
- K. FOR SUBDIVISIONS IN A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY SHALL, AND FOR SUBDIVISIONS OUTSIDE OF A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY MAY, ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THOSE SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS THAT ENCOURAGE THE REUSE OF WATER.
- J. L. Every municipality is responsible for the recordation of all final plats approved by the legislative body and shall receive from the subdivider and transmit to the county recorder the recordation fee established by the county recorder.
- K. M. Pursuant to provisions of applicable state statutes, the legislative body of any municipality may itself prepare or have prepared a plat for the subdivision of land under municipal ownership.
- L. N. The legislative bodies of cities and towns may by ordinance regulate land splits within their corporate limits. Authority granted under

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this section refers to the determination of division lines, area and shape of the tracts or parcels and does not include authority to regulate the terms or condition of the sale or lease nor does it include the authority to regulate the sale or lease of tracts or parcels that are not the result of land splits as defined in section 9-463.

M. O. For any subdivision that consists of ten or fewer lots, tracts or parcels, each of which is of a size as prescribed by the legislative body, the legislative body of each municipality may waive the requirement to prepare, submit and receive approval of a preliminary plat as a condition precedent to submitting a final plat and may waive or reduce infrastructure standards or requirements except for improved dust-controlled access and minimum drainage improvements.

Sec. 2. Section 11-806.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

11-806.01. <u>Subdivision regulation; platting regulations; violation; classification; easement vesting</u>

- A. The county board of supervisors shall regulate the subdivision of all lands within its corporate limits, except subdivisions which are regulated by municipalities.
- No plat of a subdivision of land within the area of jurisdiction of such county shall be accepted for recording or recorded until it has been approved by the board. The approval of the board shall be endorsed in writing on the plat and shall also include specific identification and approval of the assurances except those for hiking and equestrian trails required by this section. If a county planning and zoning commission exists, the plat may be referred to such commission for its consideration and the board may receive the recommendation of the commission. If the subdivision is comprised of subdivided land, as defined in section 32-2101, and is within a groundwater active management area, as defined in section 45-402, the plat shall not be approved unless it is accompanied by a certificate of assured water supply issued by the director of water resources, or unless the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an assured water supply by the director of water resources pursuant to section 45-576 or is exempt from such requirement pursuant to section 45-576. The board shall note on the face of the plat that a certificate of assured water supply has been submitted with the plat or that the subdivider has obtained a commitment of water service for the proposed subdivision for a city, town or private water company designated as having an assured water supply, pursuant to section 45-576.
- C. Any person causing a final plat to be recorded without first submitting the plat and obtaining approval of the board is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor. No county recorder shall accept for recording or record any plat which has not been approved as provided by this article.

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- D. The ground of refusal or approval of any plat submitted, including citation of or reference to the rule or regulation violated by the plat, shall be stated upon the record of the board.
- The commission shall recommend to the board and the board shall adopt general regulations of uniform application governing plats and subdivisions of land within its area of jurisdiction. The regulations adopted shall secure and provide for the proper arrangement of streets or other highways in relation to existing or planned streets, highways or bicycle facilities or to the official map for adequate and convenient open spaces for traffic, utilities, drainage, access of fire fighting apparatus, recreation, light and air. The board may adopt general regulations to provide for the proper arrangement of hiking and equestrian trails in relation to existing or planned streets or highways, and if adopted, such hiking and equestrian trails shall conform to the official map for adequate and convenient open spaces for traffic, utilities, drainage, access of fire fighting apparatus, recreation, light and air. The general regulations may provide for modification by the commission in planned area development or specific cases where unusual topographical or other exceptional conditions may require such action. The regulations shall include provisions as to the extent to which streets and other highways shall be graded and improved and to which water, sewer or other utility mains, piping or other facilities shall be installed or provided for on the plat as a condition precedent to the approval of the final plat.
- F. On recording of a plat, the fee of the streets, alleys, avenues, highways, easements, parks and other parcels of ground reserved to the use of the public vests in trust in the county for the uses and to the extent depicted on the plat including, but not limited to, ingress and egress easements depicted on such plat. On annexation by any city or town such fee automatically vests in the city or town.
- G. Boards of supervisors of counties shall prepare specifications and make orders, inspections, examinations and certificates as may be necessary to protect and complete the provisions and make them effective. The regulations shall require the posting of performance bonds, assurances or such other security as may be appropriate and necessary to assure the installation of required street, sewer, electric and water utilities, drainage, flood control and improvements meeting established minimum standards of design and construction.
- H. Before adoption of regulations by the board or any amendment as provided in this article, a public hearing shall be held by the commission. A copy of the regulations shall be certified by the commission to the county board of supervisors which shall hold a public hearing after notice of the time and place has been given by one publication fifteen days prior to the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

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- I. Approval of a plat shall not be deemed to constitute or effect an acceptance by the county for designation of any street, highway, bicycle facility or other way or open space shown upon the plat into the county maintenance system except for hiking and equestrian trails which shall be constructed and maintained by the county. However, at such time as the streets, highways, bicycle facilities or other ways are fully completed in accordance with the approved plat and written specifications made by the county board, the county shall accept such streets, highways, bicycle facilities and other ways into the county maintenance system within one year of completion.
- J. IF THE SUBDIVISION IS IN A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-2803, THE FINAL PLAT SHALL NOT BE APPROVED UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A FINDING BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES THAT THE SUBDIVISION HAS RECEIVED A DETERMINATION OF SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 45-2808. THE LEGISLATIVE BODY SHALL INCORPORATE INTO THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF A SUBDIVISION ALL CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE FINDING OF SUSTAINABILITY APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THAT SUBDIVISION. ON FINAL APPROVAL OF ANY SUBDIVISION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY SHALL NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE APPROVAL AND THE NUMBER OF LOTS APPROVED.
- K. FOR SUBDIVISIONS IN A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY SHALL, AND FOR SUBDIVISIONS OUTSIDE OF A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY MAY, ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THOSE SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS THAT ENCOURAGE THE REUSE OF WATER.
- J. L. For any subdivision that consists of lots, tracts or parcels, each of which is of a size as prescribed by the board of supervisors, the board may waive the requirement to prepare, submit and receive approval of a preliminary plat as a condition precedent to submitting a final plat and may waive or reduce infrastructure standards or requirements except for improved dust-controlled access and minimum drainage improvements.
- Sec. 3. Title 45, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding chapter 17, to read:

CHAPTER 17

CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICTS ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

45-2801. <u>Purpose</u>; <u>sustainable</u> <u>water</u> <u>supplies</u>

A. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER IS TO PROVIDE FOR A LOCALLY APPROVED BODY TO MONITOR AND MANAGE THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THOSE CRITICAL WATER AREAS DESIGNATED BY THIS STATE. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICTS IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE THE AREAS OF THIS STATE OUTSIDE OF ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS WITH SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND AUTHORITY TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT ACHIEVES AND MAINTAINS A SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR EXISTING AND INCOMING RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT AND THAT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE DISTRICT ARE MAINTAINED.

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B. A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT IS INTENDED AS A LONG-TERM, LEGALLY BINDING BODY WITH PERPETUAL AUTHORITY THAT IS SPECIFICALLY ADAPTED TO THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS OF THAT CRITICAL WATER AREA. A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT SHALL BE FORMED WITH SPECIFIC WATER MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE PLANNING GOALS APPROPRIATE TO THAT CRITICAL WATER AREA.

45-2802. <u>Definitions</u>

IN THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- 1. "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT FORMED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.
 - 2. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.
 - 3. "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES.
- 4. "DISTRICT" MEANS A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT FORMED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

45-2803. <u>Designation of critical water area pilot districts;</u> <u>criteria</u>

- A. ONE OR MORE CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICTS MAY BE FORMED IN THIS STATE AS FOLLOWS:
- 1. ANY COMBINATION OF ONE OR MORE CITIES AND TOWNS AND A COUNTY MAY PETITION THE DEPARTMENT FOR FORMATION OF A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT. THE PETITION SHALL INCLUDE PROPOSED GEOGRAPHICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL BOUNDARIES FOR THE DISTRICT AND ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC WATER SUPPLY AND MANAGEMENT GOALS FOR THE DISTRICT AND A PLAN FOR ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS.
- 2. ON REQUEST FROM A PETITIONER, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THE BOUNDARIES, GOALS AND PLAN OF OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DISTRICT.
- 3. AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES AND PLAN OF OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT FROM THE DIRECTOR, A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT IS FORMED ON FORMAL APPROVAL BY EACH OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE CITIES, TOWNS AND COUNTY, IF ANY, WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED LANDS PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT.
- B. A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE FORMED TO INCLUDE ANY LANDS INCLUDED IN AN ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA AS DEFINED IN SECTION 45-402.

45-2804. Board of directors

- A. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
- 1. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DISTRICT IS ESTABLISHED.
- 2. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH CITY OR TOWN LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT.
- 3. AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH CITY AND TOWN AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AN

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- ADDITIONAL MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH AS NEEDED FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CONSIST OF AN ODD NUMBER OF DIRECTORS.
- B. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT, EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL QUALIFY FOR OFFICE BY TAKING AND SUBSCRIBING THE OFFICIAL OATH. THE OFFICIAL OATH SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- C. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNING BODY THAT SELECTED THAT MEMBER. A SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEMBER SHALL QUALIFY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT IN THE SAME MANNER AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.
- D. THE BOARD SHALL SELECT A CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY-TREASURER FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS WHO SHALL HOLD OFFICE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD.
- E. BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES WHILE ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL BUSINESS UNDER ORDER OF THE BOARD.
 - 45-2805. Board meetings; notice
- A. THE BOARD SHALL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS EVERY CALENDAR QUARTER AND ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ON THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON OR A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THE SECRETARY-TREASURER SHALL GIVE AT LEAST THREE DAYS' NOTICE OF EACH MEETING TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW.
- B. THE DISTRICT IS A PUBLIC BODY FOR PURPOSES OF TITLE 38, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3.1.
 - 45-2806. Administrative and functional powers of the board
- A. THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE ITS ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL STRUCTURE, ADOPT, AMEND OR REPEAL BYLAWS, RULES AND FORMS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER AND PRESCRIBE A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS.
 - B. THE BOARD MAY:
- 1. MANAGE, SET POLICY AND CONDUCT THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT.
- 2. MAKE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS, INCLUDING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO TITLE 11, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3.
 - 3. SUE AND BE SUED.
 - 4. ADOPT A SEAL FOR THE DISTRICT TO BE USED TO ATTEST TO DOCUMENTS.
- 5. PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF ALL DEBTS AND APPROPRIATE CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT FROM THE APPROPRIATE FUNDS.
- 6. EMPLOY SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL, ENGINEERING, ACCOUNTING, CLERICAL AND OTHER STAFF AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.
 - 7. RETAIN OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING LEGAL COUNSEL.
- 8. PERFORM ALL OTHER ACTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER.
- C. IN ADDITION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS OF THE BOARD PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD, FOR AND IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT, MAY:

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- 1. ACQUIRE IN ANY LAWFUL MANNER, EXCEPT AS LIMITED BY THIS CHAPTER, AND SELL, LEASE, EXCHANGE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY THAT ARE NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE USES AND PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT.
- 2. CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE ALL WORKS AND OTHER PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND USED FOR ANY OF THE PROJECTS OWNED BY THE DISTRICT.
- 3. ACQUIRE, TRANSPORT, DELIVER, TREAT OR RECHARGE WATER PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING PROVIDING OR SELLING WATER TO A PERSON OR ENTITY THAT MAKES DIRECT DELIVERIES OF WATER.
- 4. ISSUE BONDS AND PLEDGE ALL OR PART OF ITS REVENUE FROM ANY SOURCE FOR SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF ITS BONDS.
- 5. NEGOTIATE, MAKE, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE AND PERFORM ANY CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR OBLIGATION IT DEEMS ADVISABLE FOR THE INTEREST OF THE DISTRICT TO CARRY OUT OR ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING AGREEMENTS TO ACQUIRE WATER SUPPLIES, FOR WATER EXCHANGES AND FOR WATER DELIVERIES.
- 6. PLAN, COORDINATE, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN AND DISMANTLE WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECTS, INCLUDING TREATMENT, RECHARGE, UNDERGROUND STORAGE AND RECOVERY AND RETENTION PROJECTS, WATER TREATMENT, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND REUSE PROJECTS.
- 7. ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING OR OTHER CONTRACTS WITH SINGLE OR MULTIPLE PARTIES TO FURTHER THE DISTRICT'S PURPOSES.
 - 8. ACQUIRE ENERGY RESOURCES TO OPERATE DISTRICT FACILITIES.
- 9. IMPOSE AND COLLECT FEES, INCLUDING WATER WITHDRAWAL FEES, BORROW MONIES OR RECEIVE GRANTS FROM ANY STATE OR FEDERAL SOURCE OF GRANTS OR LOANS.
- 10. ADOPT AND ENFORCE ORDINANCES AS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE DISTRICT'S POWERS AND DUTIES.
- 11. CONDUCT ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE REASONABLY NECESSARY AND RELATED TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES DESCRIBED BY THIS CHAPTER.

45-2807. Water development and management

FOR PURPOSES OF ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE DISTRICT AS DESCRIBED IN ITS APPROVED WATER MANAGEMENT GOAL AND PLAN OF OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DISTRICT THROUGH ITS BOARD SHALL DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. REQUIRE THE USE OF A WATER MEASURING DEVICE FOR ALL USERS OF WELLS THAT ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM CHAPTER 2 OF THIS TITLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-454.
- 2. REQUIRE THE FILING OF AN ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER WITHDRAWN, USED, DELIVERED FOR USE, RECEIVED OR TRANSFERRED FROM EACH PERSON WHO WITHDRAWS, USES, DELIVERS, RECEIVES OR TRANSFERS WATER, UNLESS A REPORT IS FILED ON THAT PERSON'S BEHALF BY A WATER PROVIDER. THE REPORT SHALL BE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DISTRICT.
- 3. DEVELOP WATER SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE LANDS AND USES IN THE DISTRICT THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT. THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPING WATER SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS.

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- 4. DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT WATER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING WASTEWATER REUSE. WATER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY THE DISTRICT MAY INCLUDE MANDATORY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS, WELL SPACING REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS ON PERMITS FOR NEW WELLS AND WITHDRAWAL PERMITS
- 5. ESTABLISH REPLENISHMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PERFORM OR COOPERATE IN PERFORMING REPLENISHMENT OR RECHARGE, IF APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT. ANY WATER RECHARGE OR RECOVERY PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE CONDITIONS ON THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF RECOVERY AND RECHARGE PERMITS.

45-2808. <u>Water sustainability determination</u>

- A. FOR ANY SUBDIVISION OF LANDS IN A CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY IN A CRITICAL WATER AREA PILOT DISTRICT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CALCULATE AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION HAS AN AMOUNT OF WATER LEGALLY AND PHYSICALLY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THAT SUBDIVISION WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING EXISTING RESIDENTS AND WATER SUPPLIES.
- B. ON APPLICATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY DESIGNATE A CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY OR A PRIVATE WATER COMPANY AS HAVING A SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR A DESIGNATED AMOUNT OF WATER OR DEVELOPMENT.
- C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT OR AMEND RULES RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE WATER PROVIDERS AND FOR DETERMINING WHETHER ANY PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STATED WATER MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE DISTRICT.

ARTICLE 2. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

45-2821. <u>Financial authority of critical water area pilot</u> <u>district</u>

A DISTRICT FORMED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER MAY GENERATE MONIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DISTRICT BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. THE SALE OF WATER OR WATER RIGHTS.
- 2. USER FEES FOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE DISTRICT.
 - 3. WITHDRAWAL FEES FOR WATER USED IN THE DISTRICT.
 - 4. BONDS SOLD BY AND DEBT REPAID TO THE DISTRICT.
 - 5. LOANS AND GRANTS FROM ANY STATE OR FEDERAL LOAN OR GRANT FUND.
 - 6. IMPACT FEES CHARGED FOR THE EXPENSE OF DEVELOPMENT.
 - 7. WATER REPLACEMENT FEES.

45-2822. <u>Administrative and operations budgets; annual statement and audit</u>

A. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR. THE BUDGET SHALL CONSIST OF A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES FROM THE GENERAL FUND DURING THE PAST FISCAL YEAR AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS THAT MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO MEET ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, FIXING THE AMOUNTS PROPOSED FOR ALL RECURRING ITEMS OF EXPENSE AND AN AMOUNT FOR CONTINGENCIES OR EMERGENCIES. NO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES MAY BE MADE IN EXCESS OF THE

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE BUDGET. ECONOMIES RESULTING IN REMAINING BALANCES FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR SUBSEQUENT ADMINISTRATIVE OR OPERATING PURPOSES.

- B. THE DISTRICT SHALL ALSO PREPARE AN OPERATION BUDGET FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR COVERING OPERATIONS AND INCLUDING CAPITAL ITEMS. THE BUDGET SHALL CONSIST OF A FULL AND COMPLETE STATEMENT OF ALL INCOMING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PAST FISCAL YEAR AND AN ESTIMATE OF ANTICIPATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THE BUDGET SHALL ALSO GIVE A COMPLETE ASSET AND LIABILITY STATEMENT AND STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS, TOGETHER WITH AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CASH ON HAND, COMMITMENTS, RESERVES AND OBLIGATIONS ANTICIPATED FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS WILL GIVE A FULL AND COMPLETE DISCLOSURE OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT.
- C. THE DISTRICT SHALL TRANSMIT COPIES OF THE BUDGET TO THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES.
- D. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL MAKE A VERIFIED STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT AS OF JUNE 30 OF THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, SHOWING PARTICULARLY THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR AND THE SOURCE OF THE RECEIPTS AND THE PURPOSE OF THE DISBURSEMENTS.
- E. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE DISTRICT SHALL CAUSE AN AUDIT TO BE MADE OF THE FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. THE BOARD SHALL FILE A COPY OF THE AUDIT WITH THE AUDITOR GENERAL. THE AUDITOR GENERAL MAY MAKE SUCH FURTHER AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS AS THE AUDITOR GENERAL DEEMS NECESSARY AND MAY TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION RELATING TO THE AUDIT PURSUANT TO TITLE 41, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 10.1. IF THE AUDITOR GENERAL TAKES NO OFFICIAL ACTION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE AUDIT IS FILED, THE AUDIT IS DEEMED SUFFICIENT. THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY FEES AND COSTS OF THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR GENERAL UNDER THIS SECTION FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE DISTRICT.

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