

City of Yuma City Council Meeting Special Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 6, 2025

11:00 AM

Yuma City Hall Council Chambers One City Plaza, Yuma

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

I. RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TRANSFER OF COLORADO RIVER WATER

1. R2025-095

Resolution Opposing the Permanent Transfer of Colorado River Water from Greenstone RP, d/b/a "GSC Farms, LLC", to the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona, as presented, and offering reasonable alternatives. (City Administration/City Attorney)(Jay Simonton/Rodney Short)

Adopt a Resolution Opposing the Permanent Transfer of Colorado River Water from the Greenstone RP, d/b/a GSC Farms, LLC, to the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona. The proposed transfer seeks to permanently move 2,033.01 acre-feet per year (AFY) of 4th Priority Colorado River water off River to the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal and Maricopa Counties (Permanent Transfer). The Resolution urges the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation to fully comply with all federal environmental laws and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in connection with the Permanent Transfer and in compiling the EIS, to consider the significant and harmful impacts, both socioeconomic and environmental, of a Permanent Transfer of water off the Colorado River, especially at a time when it is universally recognized the Colorado River is over-allocated and in crisis, and all users are being advised to conserve.

The Resolution urges the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to consider a No Action Alternative pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), or alternatively, limit any transfers of Colorado River water to non-shortage times when the Colorado River levels at Lake Powell and Lake Mead can meet the current commitments of water entitlement holders. The Resolution directs the City Administrator to provide comments on behalf of the City of Yuma and the Mayor and City Council. The Resolution also directs the Yuma City Clerk to provide a copy of the Resolution, as adopted, to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona, the City of Yuma's Federal and State Legislators, the Governor of Arizona, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Statutory Agent of GSC Farm, LLC., and the Council on Environmental Quality within the Executive Office of the President.

Attachments:

1. RES Resolution Opposing Greenstone Transfer

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session may be called during the public meeting for the purpose of receiving legal advice for items on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 A (1, 3, 4 and/or 7) and the following items:

There are no additional Executive Session items scheduled at this time

ADJOURNMENT

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