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Commissioner Andy Tobin to Hold Water Workshops

(Phoenix) Commissioner Andy Tobin will host a series of Water Workshops in June and July which will address key topics for responsible water policy for Arizona's future.

"The opportunity for the Commission and Water Community to have a meaningful and fair conversation to focus on best practices for water quality and water loss issues is long overdue," said Commissioner Tobin.

Two workshops on the Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) will be held on June 8th and July 25th. These will explore the current regulatory treatment of surcharges for a company's infrastructure improvements to ensure fairness to ratepayers and the finances needed for the company to ensure safe and reliable water.

Workshops on June 12th and July 27th will address policies for companies who have applied to extend their service territories but have had delays in meeting their deadlines. Commissioners Tobin and Boyd Dunn opened a docket recently to investigate how regulated companies are granted extensions for compliance deadlines.

"It is unclear whether the Commission has ever comprehensively discussed the time frame for a company to satisfy the conditions upon which the Certificate of Need and Necessity is based," said Commissioner Tobin. "We need to investigate this in further detail to ensure that the investment reflects the current need of the customers. That is paramount."

The docket can be viewed at the Commission's website at www.azcc.gov and clicking eDocket. The docket number is WS-00000A-17-0094.

The last of the series of workshops will take place on June 15th and July 28th and will address water loss and the appropriate water loss calculation methodology. These workshops will explore ways to develop a better process for water systems to comply with water loss reporting and the policies that can promote conservation on the part of the company.

All the workshops will take place at the Arizona Corporation Commission at 1200 W. Washington Street in Phoenix at 10:00 a.m. The workshops will also be live online at www.azcc.gov.