

Tom Buschatzke

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Tom Buschatzke is the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. He is responsible for management of the State's water supplies, including multiple planning and policy, regulatory and permitting programs dedicated to that mission.

Mr. Buschatzke serves as Arizona's principal negotiator on matters relating to the Colorado River. He serves in a similar role for the State in Indian water-rights negotiations. He also is the Chairman of the Arizona Water Banking Authority and Co-Chair of the Governor's Drought Interagency Coordinating Group.

Currently, Mr. Buschatzke also chairs Governor Ducey's Water Augmentation Council which is tasked with investigating long-term water augmentation strategies and other opportunities to secure water supplies for Arizona's future.

Mr. Buschatzke possesses over thirty years of experience in water management and has been a member of several statewide long-term water planning initiatives, including serving as Co-Chair of the Statewide Water Resources Development Commission, and the Governor's Blue-Ribbon Panel on Water Sustainability, for which he served as Co-Chair of the Regulatory and Permitting Group.