

Executive Order 2013-02

Establishing the Arizona Natural Resources Review Council

WHEREAS, the ability for state natural resource agencies to engage and impact federal land and resource management plans is paramount; and

WHEREAS, cross agency coordination is critical to a sound and timely response to actions on federal lands that will impact state resources and economies; and

WHEREAS, federal land and resource planning processes often do not consider the short and long-term needs of the State of Arizona and local governments; and

WHEREAS, political change at the federal level can impede the ability of state agencies to effectively engage the federal government and result in federal intrusion on state authorities; and

WHEREAS, federal land and resource management decisions are being driven by litigation processes that have resulted in diminished multiple-use and sustained-yield principles; and

WHEREAS, we must protect State interests related to wildlife, land, water and natural resources by actively engaging and countering federal encroachment on State authorities tasked with managing Arizona's natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Arizona Natural Resources Review Council (hereafter Council) is established. The Council shall develop land and natural resource management strategies for Arizona and coordinate with state natural resource agencies and their existing management plans.
2. The Council shall consist of the following natural resource agency directors appointed by the Governor:
 - Arizona Game and Fish Department
 - Arizona State Land Department
 - Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
 - Arizona Department of Water Resources
 - Arizona State Forester
 - Arizona Geological Survey
 - Arizona State Parks Department
 - Arizona Department of Agriculture
3. The Governor shall designate the Chairperson.
4. The Council shall prepare a comprehensive report and plan to the Governor for long-term land and natural resource management. The report shall include and address multiple use and sustained yield approaches, public access issues and sustainable economic development.

5. The Council shall develop a coordinated and centralized Geographic Information System database model that identifies current and future management priorities for designated land and natural resource areas.
6. The Council shall identify and prioritize legal, legislative and incentive-based needs that protect and maintain state interests related to wildlife, land, water and other natural resources.
7. The Council shall provide recommendations to the Governor on a statewide approach to mitigation and conservation banking that includes State government, local governments and the private sector in order to meet long-term natural resource conservation objectives.
8. The Chairperson may form an executive committee or other sub-committees as necessary.
9. The Council shall meet as needed to conduct its affairs.
10. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix, on this 14th day of January in the Year Two Thousand Thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumenthal

SECRETARY OF STATE

