

ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES

Title 45 - Waters

Chapter 1 – Administration and General Provisions

Article 15 - Watershed Improvement Program

45-351. Watershed improvement program: purpose; projects; funding

A. The watershed improvement program is established in the department under the authority of the director for the purpose of selective control, reduction or removal of noxious brush and other vegetation and for the revegetation of land on which brush and vegetation has been controlled, reduced or removed.

B. The watershed improvement program may provide funding for projects that are designed to control, reduce or remove brush from a watershed or a portion of a watershed, consistent with the purposes of the program.

C. Any person, organization or political subdivision is eligible to apply for project funding from the program.

D. The watershed improvement program shall be funded from any monies made available for that purpose from the Arizona water protection fund established by section 45-2111, from any monies made available for that purpose from the department and from any other monies received by the program.

45-352. Program administration: rules; project criteria; report

A. The department shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this article, including rules that prescribe criteria for project proposals and that establish priorities for projects for each funding cycle, including a priority for projects that balance the most critical needs.

B. The department may employ or contract with persons as reasonably necessary to implement this article.

C. The department shall report to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate and the governor on or before December 31 each year regarding the activities of the watershed improvement program during the preceding fiscal year and shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state. The department shall make the report available to the public by posting the report on the department's website.

45-353. Program termination

The program established by this article ends on July 1, 2024 pursuant to section 41-3102.