



Resilience, Water, and the Environment - Protecting the Future of Arizona's Natural Resources

Arizona's natural resources are key to our thriving economy and way of life. We have an opportunity to secure clean air, reliable water, healthy forests, and resilient lands for the benefit of Arizona families, businesses, and communities.

Governor Hobbs proposes investing in more than \$73 million to protect the future of Arizona's Natural Resources in the FY25 budget.

By the Numbers:

- **\$9.5 million** deposit into the Water Quality Fee Fund to ensure the cleanliness and safety of surface water, groundwater, and drinking water
- **\$300,000** to fund the maintenance of operation of the State's Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) network that provides critical ongoing data for monitoring of Arizona's water supplies
- **\$33 million** to the Long-Term Water Augmentation Fund annually in FY 25, FY 26, and FY 27 to continue investments in long-term water supply development initiatives for the State
- **\$27 million** for proactive forest restoration to protect communities from wildfire and make progress towards healthy forests and watersheds
- **\$2.9 million** increase for the Voluntary Vehicle Repair Fund (VVERF) to support program expansion to more Arizona drivers, providing necessary funding for emissions-related vehicle repairs that improve air quality
- **\$469,100** to fund three additional full time employees to conduct air quality planning, leading to cleaner air in communities throughout Arizona

What's at stake:

- Protecting water supplies and natural resources in both urban and rural Arizona
- Finding the solutions we need to ensure our water future is secure for generations
- Improving air quality to support healthy families