

Arkansas Water Provider Task Force: October 11th Meeting



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The third meeting of the Water Provider Legislative Task Force (“Task Force”) has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th.

The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 151 of the Arkansas State Capitol.

The Task Force was created by Act 1056 during the 89th Arkansas General Assembly. The legislation declared a number of findings regarding the water utilities provision of water to state residents. Issues associated with areas served, ability to operate monopolies, importance of water supplies to economic development, requirements to supply out-of-area customers, and other matters were addressed.

The legislature mandated the creation of the Task Force to study a number of related issues and provide conclusions in a report to be submitted by January 1, 2019.

The meeting notice for the October 11th meeting notes in part in regards to the proposed agenda:

Senator Clark and Representative Lemons would like for the second part of this meeting to be a round table discussion to begin drafting a vision for what Arkansas should desire to be in providing water for our state’s future needs and growth.

The second meeting of the Task Force included a presentation by J. Ryan Benefield, P.E., Deputy Director of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission. Mr. Benefield provided a presentation titled:

Arkansas Water Plan Compliance

[A copy of the slides from Mr. Benefield’s presentation can be downloaded below.](#)