The State of Arizona

If your project is statewide, you will most likely need to work with one or more of the following units:

**Office of the Governor**

The Governor is the head of the executive branch in the State of Arizona.

- **The Governor’s Office** also has statewide boards and commissions that advise the Governor on public policy issues.
  - Go to [http://bc.azgovernor.gov/](http://bc.azgovernor.gov/) to find out more about these groups and how you can potentially work with them.
  - Example: The Governor can veto bills. If you are concerned about a law that might get passed, you can set up a social media campaign to contact the governor to veto the bill.

- **Address:**
The Honorable [Insert Name of Arizona Governor] Arizona Governor
  Executive Tower
  1700 West Washington Street
  Phoenix, Arizona 85007
  Phone: (602) 542-4331
  Fax: (602) 542-1381

**Arizona State Legislature**

The legislative branch consists of two houses: the House of Representatives and the Senate. Arizona has many districts, and each district has two Representatives and one Senator. You may want to contact local legislators for a specific region if you are trying to pass a bill on the state level or if you want to raise awareness for a project/NGO.

- To find your legislative district: [http://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/](http://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/)
- Contact information for state legislators: [http://www.azleg.gov/memberroster.asp](http://www.azleg.gov/memberroster.asp)

  - Example: You notice there is an issue with the state water use in their variation of gallons per capita per day. You would like to get everyone to an annual average of 90 gallons per capita per day, the total to Tucson’s water use – the lowest in the southwest. You can lobby the state to take action. You can also work with a representative to draft legislation requiring drip irrigation systems in their front yards rather than spray irrigation.
Arizona State Agencies

The state has many different departments and agencies; you may find it more valuable to contact department staff instead of the state elected officials. Individual staff members are involved with issues on a day-to-day basis and often have the ear of elected officials. Here are a few of Arizona’s departments.

- **Arizona State Lands Department** – responsible for managing the 9 million acres of state trust land.
- **Arizona Department of Environmental Quality** – responsible for administering all of Arizona’s environmental protection programs.
- **Arizona Department of Water Resources** – responsible for collecting data on water levels and water quality samples.
- **Arizona Game and Fish Department** – responsible for working to conserve and protect natural public lands through ensuring healthy hunting and fishing habits.
- **Arizona Department of Transportation** – responsible for ensuring road safety and working with the state government to produce healthier and more sustainable transportation environments.

Arizona Board of Regents

The Arizona Board of Regents is the governing board for the state’s public universities: Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona. This is the board that approved the funding mechanism for the UA Green Fund.

- Provides policy guidance in such areas as: academic and student affairs, financial and human resource programs, student tuition, fees, and financial aid programs, university capital development plans, strategic plans, legal affairs, and public and constituent outreach
- Consists of twelve members: eleven voting and one non-voting, including the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction as ex-officio members that serve while they hold office, and two Student Regents.