

White Mountain Lakes
Recreation District

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Legislative
Update and
Implementation
Next Steps



HB 2067 county
improvement
districts; recreation;
governance
(Blackman) - [Laws
2022, Chapter 93](#)

Thanks to everyone who wrote letters of support to Representative Blackman

Intent of the Law:

- Allows the Navajo County Board of Supervisors to establish a governing board for certain county improvement districts specific to recreation.

Effective Date: 90 Days Post *Sine Die*

- End of June – possible end of legislative session
- End of September – possible effective date

Implementation Outline

Once the law becomes effective:

- Navajo County BOS will officially establish and appoint the initial White Mountain Lakes Recreation District (WMLRD) Board
- WMLRD Board will complete short-term tasks and training
- WMLRD Board will develop processes for on-going management and oversight of the district
- Full implementation must be completed by December 31, 2025

Navajo County Responsibilities

- Hold a public hearing and pass a resolution to official establish the White Mountain Lakes Recreation District
 - *Governed by a separately elected three-member or five-member board of directors*
- Board of Supervisors (BOS) will establish process for applying for the initial board appointments
- BOS appoints initial board of directors
 - *After the initial directors are appointed by the board of supervisors, the subsequent directors shall be elected by the qualified electors of the district.*
 - *The change in governance is effective on adoption of the resolution and appointment of the initial members of the board of directors.*
- Provide training and technical support to new board members

WMLRD Board Responsibilities: Short-Term

Sign	Sign the oath of office
Terms	Determine initial governing board member terms (2 and 4-year)
Meetings	Determine meeting schedule and posting location
Financials	Talk to the County Treasurer's Office about services related to district funds. •A.R.S. §48-901(18) defines the "treasurer" for the district as the County Treasurer
Operations	Determine district's management structure
Legal	Determine district's legal counsel
Statute	Become familiar with Title 48, Chapter 6 of the Arizona Revised Statutes

WMLRD Board Responsibilities: Long-Term

- Budget
 - Development and adoption of an annual budget
 - Levying a Property Tax (if applicable)
 - Review of Financial Transactions; Fees
- Elections
 - Elections for board members is responsibility of the district board
 - Work with Navajo County Elections Director to determine requirements for including WMLRD board positions on the ballots
- Improvement Process
 - Bonding or cash-only assessments
- Dissolution of District
 - WMLRD board or Navajo County BOS have ability to dissolve the district

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