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**Submission: Open Meeting Law Complaint Form**

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**Open Meeting Law Complaint Form**

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**Public Entity Information**

Business Name: Arizona State Land Department, and its local Natural Resource Conservation Districts

**Details of Complaint**

Please describe the conduct that you believe violated the Open Meeting Law:

I have been looking into the activities of the some of the state's local Natural Resource Conservation Districts (NRCDs), and have discovered that some of them are not complying with open meeting law requirements. The Chino Winds NRCD, for example, has no website and apparently doesn't post meeting notices with agendas, or meeting minutes, where the general public could find them. It's the same situation for the Whitewater Draw NRCD. They do have a Facebook page, but that cannot really be considered public because people need to be willing to use the Facebook application to see the information they post. The Apache NRD has a full website, but they aren't maintaining their meeting information on it. There are very likely more NRCDs out of compliance. The State Land Commissioner is also the NRCD Commissioner, so she is ultimately responsible for seeing that the local NRCDs comply with the law.

List the date(s) on which you believe the violation(s) occurred:

For several years, including 2019 and 2020.

Please identify all members of the public body whom you believe violated the requirements of the Open Meeting Law:

State Land Commissioner Lisa Atkins, and some local NRCD supervisors.

Declaration: I declare under penalty of perjury, that the facts and statements contained in this declaration, including any attached statements, are true, correct, and based upon my personal knowledge. I understand that the information contained in this declaration can only be altered by submitting a new declaration. By choosing to submit this form electronically, I certify and agree that by entering my name in the space below, I bind and legally obligate myself to the same extent as I would by signing my name on a printed paper version of this form.

Jeffrey Burgess

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