

October 10, 2012

Via E-Mail

Sandy Fabritz-Whitney, Director
Arizona Department of Water Resources
Second Floor
3550 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

RE: Non-Indian Agricultural (“NIA”) Priority Central Arizona Project (“CAP”) Water Reallocation—Proposed Process and Evaluation Criteria (“Process and Criteria”)

Dear Ms. Fabritz-Whitney:

As you know, on September 27, 2012, I sent a letter to the Department asking several questions about the Process and Criteria on behalf of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (“AMWUA”). At the public meeting on the Process and Criteria on October 2, 2012, the Department said it would meet with me to discuss these questions. I met with the Department on October 5, 2012, and have since communicated the Department’s responses to the AMWUA members.

After meeting for several hours today on this matter, AMWUA and its members find that we still have questions regarding the Process and Criteria and how it will affect the reallocation. NIA water is the last remaining unallocated supply of CAP water and it is crucial that it be reallocated to meet the Department’s stated goals, especially the goal of reducing the groundwater overdraft—a goal that benefits all water users in the Active Management Areas (“AMAs”). We need more time to analyze relevant information and the likely implications of the evaluation criteria in order to prepare our comments on the Process and Criteria. Accordingly, we are asking that the Department extend the comment period to Friday, November 9, 2012.

We believe the overall process will benefit from this additional time for all stakeholders to formulate sound responses.

Because comments are currently due on October 19, 2012, we would appreciate your timely response to this request. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Ferris". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Kathleen Ferris, Director

c: Tom Buschatzke, Assistant Director, ADWR
Perri F. Benemelis, Manager, Colorado River Water, ADWR