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Hualapai Reservation and resort get emergency water

The Arizona Department of Water Resources authorized emergency water hauling today for the Hualapai Reservation and the Grand Canyon West Resort in northern Arizona, home of the Sky Walk.

Director Herb Guenther issued the emergency declaration, which allows the operators of the resort to haul 16,000 gallons a day. A permanent water source is expected to be restored within a week.

Cold weather in the area caused water in the resort's pipeline to freeze and the pipe to burst, leaving people in the area without water. A resort representative said the resort attracts about 3,000 people a day.

Scott Pfeiffer, director of maintenance for the resort, said the closest source of water was 30 miles away, the Joshua Valley Water Company in Meadview.

Meadview is located in the Meadview subbasin, while the resort is located in the Peach Springs subbasin. Normally, under Arizona water law, transporting water from one subbasin to another would be prohibited. Pfeiffer pointed out that the only source of water within the Peach Springs subbasin was located 65 miles away on a bad road that a tank truck might find impassable.

"This is one of those situations envisioned when the Legislature passed emergency legislation to allow water transport," Guenther said. "From the information the resort provided, it was clear they qualified for the exemption from the transportation ban."

Guenther's order permits the resort to haul up to 20,000 gallons a day. It expires on January 18.

Order is attached.

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