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Arizona Department of Water Resources
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Re: Written comments on the Materials related to the Colorado River Indian Tribe Proposal regarding use of its decreed water

Dear Director Buschatzke:

On behalf of Valley Partnership and its 350 Company Partners and almost 2,000 Members, advocating for responsible real estate development, we thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft legislation and agreements regarding the Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) proposal for use of its decreed water rights off reservation. We want to congratulate all involved in this important program to make further use of the Tribe's Colorado River rights. It is an important milestone for the CRIT Tribal members, but also the off-reservation water users in the State of Arizona.

Valley Partnership believes in responsible growth and responsible growth is not found in reliance upon declining groundwater supplies. Responsible growth is based upon perpetual and sustainable supplies such as with use of the CRIT decreed water rights off reservation. We look forward to continuing to work with all involved in this historic effort and maximizing the benefits of this critical resource for all. We proudly support the legislation and the agreements put forth by the parties.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Lombard
President & CEO