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Re: Recommendation to Maintain the Drought Emergency Declaration PCA99006 and Drought Declaration issued by Executive Order 2007-10

Dear Mr. Adams,

This letter provides the Spring 2023 update on Arizona drought conditions and the Drought Declaration Recommendation to the Governor from the Drought Interagency Coordinating Group (ICG). The ICG is an advisory body to the Governor, composed of state, federal, tribal, and non-governmental organizations. This group meets biannually in the spring and fall to evaluate drought conditions and provide recommendations to the Governor regarding emergency declarations due to drought.

The updates presented at the May 16, 2023, ICG Meeting confirmed that, while there have been drought condition improvements, there are impacts that have accumulated through time. These impacts need at least three years of wet conditions to be mitigated. Based on the information presented at the meeting, the Governor's Drought ICG unanimously recommends that the State's Drought Emergency Declaration (PCA99006) and the Drought Declaration for the State of Arizona (Executive Order 2007-10) be continued. No further action is required to maintain both declarations already in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Buschatzke". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas Buschatzke, ICG Co-chair

cc: Allen Clark, ICG Co-chair

Enclosures:

- Spring 2023 ICG Meeting Agenda & Summary
- PCA99006 Drought Emergency Declaration
- Executive Order 2007-10 Drought Declaration for the State of Arizona