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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 Fall 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 November 7, 2023, ICG Meeting confirmed that, while there have been drought condition improvements, there are impacts that have accumulated through time. Arizona remains in short- and long-term drought with most of the state experiencing some level of drought condition from abnormally dry to extreme drought. 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas Buschatzke", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas Buschatzke, ICG Co-chair

cc: Gabe Lavine, ICG Co-chair

Enclosures:

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