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RE: Comments pertaining to ADAWS and Commingling Rules Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Submitted to Secretary of State's Office on August 7, 2024 and Published in the Arizona Administrative Record

Dear Ms. Scantlebury:

Thank you for all the efforts of the Governor's Office and the staff at the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) for working with stakeholders to develop these new Assured Water Supply rules, specifically the ADAWS, which we believe will create a sustainable water supply in the Pinal AMA. A sustainable water supply is very important to all aspects of our economy in Pinal County. Through this letter, I am expressing my direct support for the new rules and encourage their adoption as soon as possible.

Ranchette Investors LLC has owned land since 2006 which it plans to develop. If these rules are not adopted, we will move forward with plans to develop that will not include subdividing, but nevertheless use groundwater. This groundwater will be unaccounted for.

We feel these rule changes will allow us to develop responsibility under Assured Water Supply rules and offset any groundwater we use, or allow our water provider to acquire other renewable supplies to meet our needs. This type of development will be of much greater economic value to Pinal County and will also benefit the aquifer by accounting for groundwater use if any.

Once again, I appreciate the efforts of the Governor's Office and ADWR staff. These are an important step forward for all of Pinal County.

Sincerely,



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