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2 **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**
3 **BEFORE THE DIRECTOR**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION**
5 **OF THE MANAGEMENT GOAL FOR**
6 **THE DOUGLAS ACTIVE**
7 **MANAGEMENT AREA**

ORDER OF ADOPTION
Date: July 28, 2023

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9 **I. Order of Adoption**

10 In accordance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) § 45-571,
11 Thomas Buschatzke, Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“Director”),
12 hereby adopts the following statement as the Management Goal for the Douglas Active
13 Management Area (“AMA”):

14 “The management goal of the Douglas AMA is to support the general economy and
15 welfare of water users in the basin by reducing the rate of aquifer depletion by an amount
16 established in the first management plan and by additional reductions established in each
17 subsequent management plan every 10 years thereafter.”

18 On May 24, 2023, the Director issued the proposed Management Goal for the Douglas
19 AMA. A public hearing on the proposed goal was held in Douglas, Arizona on June 28, 2023.
20 The hearing record remained open for the submission of written comments until June 28, 2023
21 at midnight.

22 Simultaneously with this order, the Director is filing in the Department of Water
23 Resources (“Department”) a written summary and findings with respect to matters considered
24 during the hearing record period. As a result of additional review by the Director and in
25 response to comments, the Director has made modifications to the goal.

1 **II. Effective Date of Order for Purposes of Motions for Rehearing or Review**

2 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-571(C), a summary of this order, the Management Goal adopted
3 by this Order and the Director’s findings with respect to matters considered during the public
4 hearing will be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in Herald/Review Media,
5 beginning on July 28, 2023. This order shall be effective for purposes of motions for rehearing
6 or review on August 4, 2023, the date of the last publication.

7 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-114(C), any person may file a motion for rehearing or review of
8 this order and the Management Goal adopted by this order no later than August 27, 2023 at 5:00
9 p.m. Any motion for rehearing or review must be filed with the Docket Supervisor, Arizona
10 Department of Water Resources, 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 310, Phoenix, Arizona
11 85007. A party is not required to file a motion for rehearing or review in order to exhaust
12 administrative remedies and may seek judicial review of the Management Goal once the
13 Director’s decision becomes final as provided in section III.

14 **III. Judicial Review**

15 This order shall become final for the purpose of judicial review as follows:

16 1. If no person files a motion for rehearing or review within the time allowed by section
17 III of this order, this order shall become final for the purpose of judicial review on August 27,
18 2023 and the Department shall post notice on its website that the order is final as of that date.

19 2. If any person files a timely motion for rehearing or review, the Director will issue a
20 decision on the motion and may modify the management goal after rehearing or review. After
21 the Director issues decisions on all motions for rehearing or review, the Director will publish
22 notice that the Management Goal is final once each week for two consecutive weeks in
23 Herald/Review Media. The notice will include a description of any modifications made after
24 rehearing or review. The Management Goal shall be final for the purpose of judicial review
25 when the notice is published for the second time.

1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this goal is adopted as the Management Goal for the
2 Douglas Active Management Area.

3 Dated this 28th day of July, 2023.

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6 Thomas Buschatzke
7 Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
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