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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Re: Purchase and Sale Agreement for CAWCD to acquire water rights and land in Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District, Mohave County, Arizona.

Dear Director Buschatzke:

I write to advise you that I am opposed to the proposed CAWCD land and water purchase to move Colorado River water, prudently set aside for rural Arizona Colorado River mainstream users to central Arizona for replacement.

Here is why I oppose this purchase and transfer of our water: First, as a matter of public policy 4th priority Colorado River water allocated to the users on the mainstream of the River, such as Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (MVIDD) in this case, should not be transferred away from mainstream of the River. This is a part of the water that the State of Arizona requested be reserved for municipal and industrial users along the river. Except for that small reservation of 4th Priority Colorado River water to the users on the mainstream, CAWCD received all of Arizona's Colorado River entitlement remaining at the time that CAWCD and the United States entered into their initial agreement in 1972. That water was allocated long ago as part of the division of water for the mainstream users and water for the central Arizona users. Moving it to central Arizona defeats the purpose for which it was reserved: to provide water for municipal and industrial users along the Colorado River.

Second, also as a matter of public policy, I do not support and will oppose by all means a three-county conservation district using its superior taxing power to provide \$34 million in funds to buy and divert water from a rural Arizona county. Mohave County has no elected representation on the CAWCD Board, and it appears three urban counties with a larger tax base are set to divert waters from rural counties.

I also attend a MVIDD meeting last week with the following question which was not answered: "Can you explain why the proposal of the purchaser is to pay the farmers directly when it is the water district's "water" to manage for the benefit of the district to which residents pay taxes?"

Once again, it is my understanding that the Bureau of Reclamation allocates water to the MVIDD and rural residents are in jeopardy.

Respectfully



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Cc: Governor Ducey; CAWCD; Representative Gosar