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Arizona Department of Water Resources
Attn: Sharon Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor
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Re: Town of Quartzite Colorado River Entitlement – Request to Lease and Transfer to the
Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District

Dear Ms. Scantlebury:


We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Town of Quartzite's request to lease and transfer its Colorado River Water entitlement to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District for use by the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR). With our partners, we are the developers of a number of residential and commercial developments, including Douglas Ranch and Trillium, two master-planned communities in Buckeye, as well as significant development holdings in the East Valley and Pinal County. We have enrolled Trillium as member land in the CAGRDR, which was necessary in order to secure a certificate of assured water supply. Other development projects have likewise enrolled in CAGRDR and rely on its services to meet assured water supply requirements.

CAGRDR is vitally important to the economy of Arizona and represents wise and cost effective water management, allowing landowners to use groundwater for development purposes if such groundwater is replenished. It is therefore essential to us and the economy of the State that CAGRDR be able to secure renewable supplies to meet the replenishment obligations of its members.

To that end, we strongly support of the proposal by the Town to lease this water to CAGRDR. Because of the importance of CAGRDR to our projects and to the economy of Arizona in general, we have monitored and supported the Plan of Operation under which CAGRDR currently operates. The Plan identified Colorado River supplies as an important renewable source of water CAGRDR's needs. The Town's lease would therefore be an important step in implementing the Plan and we urge your approval.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
El Dorado Holdings, Inc.



James F. Kenny
President

cc: Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor of the State of Arizona