



City of Phoenix

January 8, 2021

Director Tom Buschatzke
Arizona Department of Water Resources
Attn: Sharon Scantlebury
P.O. Box 36020
Phoenix, Arizona 85067-6020

RE: Potential Legislation Authorizing the Colorado River Indian Tribes to Market its Colorado River Water Entitlement and Related Agreements

Dear Director Buschatzke:

As Water Resource Management Advisor for the City of Phoenix, I appreciate the opportunity to voice support for this important federal legislation. As a stakeholder in Colorado River policy, the City of Phoenix supports policies that create efficiencies and sustainability for all Colorado River water users. Phoenix also supports efforts that offer tribal communities opportunities for self-determination. Phoenix believes legislation that enables the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) to market their Colorado River water entitlement is an important step toward both goals. It is also consistent with the rights of other federally recognized tribal communities in Arizona who already enjoy this right as part of their respective water settlements.

Collaboration is the key to a future sustainable Colorado River. Through these proposed agreements, CRIT and ADWR have demonstrated the kind of collaboration required to solve some of the most difficult water challenges collectively faced by stakeholders in the Colorado River Basin. Phoenix applauds the proposed agreements that provide a clear direction and scope for the CRIT's efforts to achieve their water resource management goals and looks forward to further collaborative efforts throughout the Colorado River Basin to achieve sustainability for all parties.

Thank you again for your efforts and the opportunity to comment.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia S. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cynthia S. Campbell
Water Resource Management Advisor

cc: Deputy City Manager Karen Peters