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Potential Federal Legislation and Related Agreements Authorizing the Colorado River Indian Tribes to Lease, Exchange, and Store Underground a Portion of Decreed Allocation [FC-Email.FID5237120]

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Director Buschatzke:

On behalf of the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona and the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (collectively, the "Associations"), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposed legislation and related documents authorizing the Colorado River Indian Tribes ("CRIT") to allow for temporary off-reservation transfer of mainstream Colorado River water in the Lower Basin of the State of Arizona. The Associations support the general concept and believe this source of water will be a valuable resource for supporting continued growth in the three county area served by the Central Arizona Project. One possible end user of this source is of course the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District, which can make use of shorter term supplies to offset groundwater use by its members. Water transfers to support growth are essential to the continued long term economic health of Central Arizona, the economic engine of the State. We fully support moving forward with legislation and look forward to working with CRIT, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Water Resources, and other stakeholders to make this happen.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

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