

1 **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

2 **BEFORE THE DIRECTOR**

3 IN RE: SUBSEQUENT IRRIGATION NON-
4 EXPANSION AREA: HUALAPAI VALLEY
5 GROUNDWATER BASIN, MOHAVE COUNTY
6

**DIRECTOR'S ORDER
INITIATING
PROCEEDINGS AND
ORDER FOR HEARING**

7 The Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("Director") hereby initiates this
8 action pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 45-432 to consider designating the Hualapai
9 Valley Groundwater Basin as a subsequent irrigation-non expansion area, based upon the following
10 criteria:

- 11 1) There is insufficient groundwater to provide a reasonably safe supply for irrigation of
12 the cultivated lands in the area at the current rates of withdrawal.
13 2) The establishment of an active management area pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-412 is not
14 necessary.

15 The Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin is the surface watershed area of Hualapai Wash,
16 excluding the watershed of Truxton Wash, upstream of a boundary formed by the ridge line of the
17 Music and Peacock Mountains. A map of the proposed area, as depicted on the June 1980 groundwater
18 basin map on file with the Department of Water Resources ("Department"), is attached as **Exhibit A**.

19 **ORDER**

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing will be held at the Mohave County Administration
21 Building, 700 W. Beale Street, in Kingman, Arizona on Saturday, November 12, 2022, beginning at
22 1:00 P.M. and via webinar using this link [<https://adwr.info/3VaOO4w>], to hear evidence both orally
23 and written, as to the following:

- 24 A. Is there an insufficient groundwater supply to provide a reasonably safe supply for
25 irrigation of the cultivated lands in the area at the current rate of withdrawal? and,
26 B. Is the establishment of an active management area pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-412 not
27 presently necessary? and,

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C. Should the Department issue an Order, designating the area as depicted in Exhibit A, as a subsequent irrigation non-expansion area?


At the hearing, the Department will present the factual data in its possession in support of or in opposition to the proposed subsequent irrigation on-expansion area, pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-435(C). Any person or authorized representative may appear at the hearing and submit oral or documentary evidence for or against the proposed action. Additionally, written comments not submitted at the hearing described above may be submitted by mail, email, fax, or hand delivery until 5:00 P.M. on November 18, 2022 to:

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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-435(C), the Director shall give full consideration to public comment and to recommendations made by local political subdivisions.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that within thirty (30) days after the close of the record for this proceeding, an Order will be issued by the Director containing his written findings with respect to all pertinent matters considered during the hearing and the Order will be published as required by A.R.S. § 45-436.

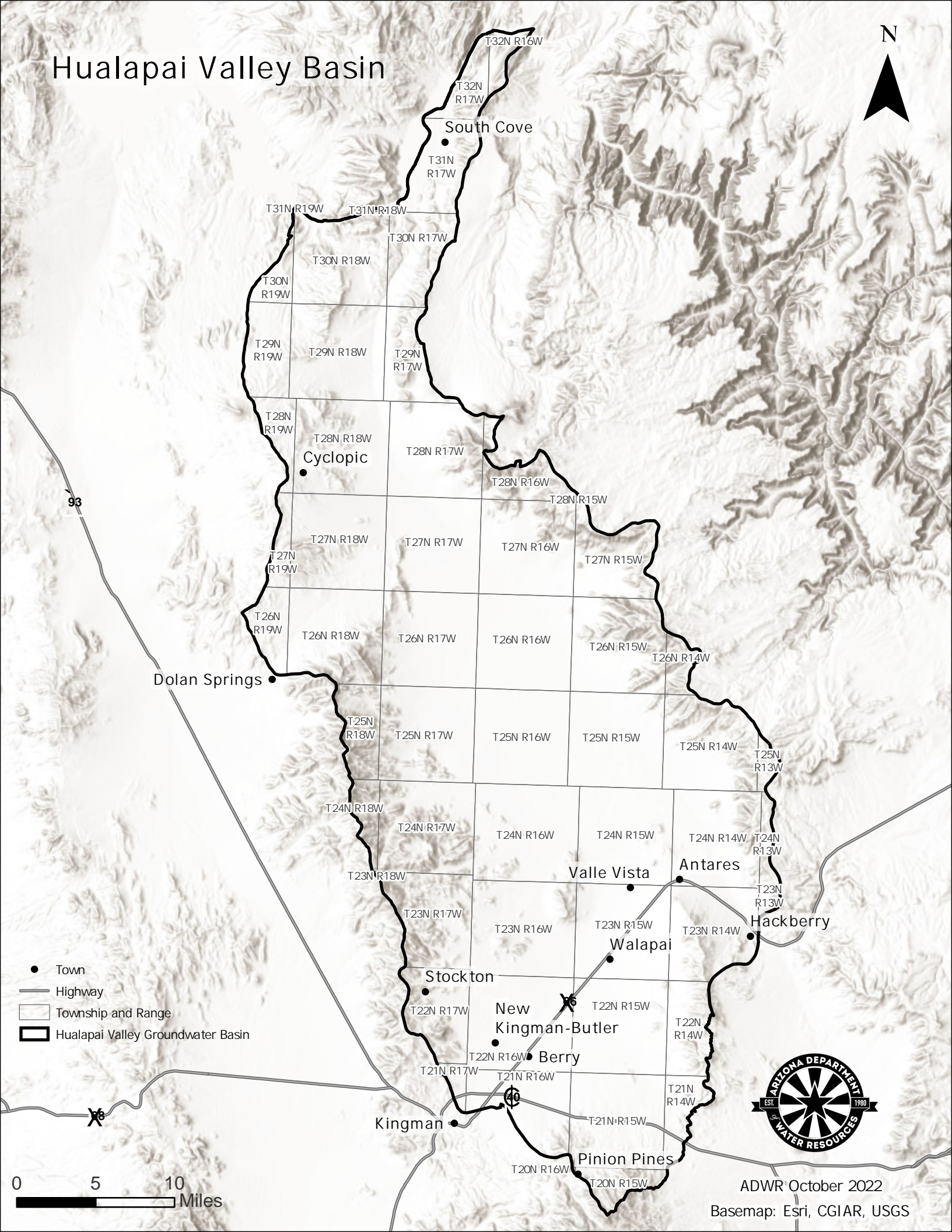
DATED this 12th day of October, 2022.



Thomas Buschatzke, Director
Arizona Department of Water Resources

EXHIBIT A

Hualapai Valley Basin



- Town
- Highway
- Township and Range
- ▭ Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin

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