



October 17, 2019

Via Email

Representative David Cook
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Ad Hoc Committee on Groundwater Supply in Pinal County and Stakeholders

Dear Representative Cook,

Thank you for taking a strong leadership position on the Pinal water issues and creating the Ad Hoc Committee on Groundwater Supply in Pinal County. Your process is proving successful and I am honored to have had the opportunity to present at it. Also, I really enjoyed discussing water issues on Horizon with you. It is very clear, we have some issues to deal with and a lot of hard work ahead of us. You have asked for someone in the community to “step up and lead a local effort to address shortages in Pinal County so that together we can work toward a long-term solution that is supported by the people closest to the issue.” I am writing you today to formally step up to help lead our community to the solutions we need.

Not only am I active in today’s issues, but I have a strong track record of getting difficult things accomplished in water resources. Over the years, I’ve secured many new water resources (and we’re going to need them in Pinal) by working with farmers on water leasing and in another separate project securing a 50-year water supply agreement with an irrigation district. I was even key to a stakeholder process in Clovis, NM that created new groundwater rules similar to what we are about to do here in Pinal.

Specific to the Pinal water issues today, I am a co-study manager on the Eloy and Maricopa Stanfield Basin Study, a three-year study on water in the Pinal AMA. Additionally, I brought together a task force regarding water for development, a task force that has been working on answers to our local water issues, some of which I discussed at the last Ad Hoc committee meeting.

We face some difficult issues, issues that are going to take courage and hard work to tackle. I know that I am that person who can both foster the courage in myself and others to make the difficult decisions together for the betterment of our community. I hope and trust that you will agree.

Thanks again for your proven leadership on this difficult issue.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jake Lenderking', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jake Lenderking

cc: Thomas Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources