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The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey
Governor, State of Arizona
1700 West Washington Street
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The Honorable Steve Yarbrough
President, Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington, Suite 205
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The Honorable J.D. Mesnard
Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington, Suite 223
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Dear Governor Ducey, President Yarbrough, and Speaker Mesnard:

The purpose of this letter is to fulfill the reporting requirements for the Arizona Department of Water Resources (Department) specified in Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 45-352(C).

Watershed Improvement Program

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-352(C) the Department is required to report "...on or before December 31 each year regarding the activities of the watershed improvement program during the preceding fiscal year and shall provide a copy of that report to the secretary of state."

There have been no specific program activities of the watershed improvement program since its establishment. Related program activities are currently being undertaken through the Arizona Water

Protection Fund program (A.R.S. § 45-2101). Active Water Protection Fund projects in fiscal year 2018 included:

Project Number	Project Name
14-182WPF	Arundo Eradication and Riparian Restoration of Sabino and Bear Creek, Tucson, AZ
15-186WPF	Phase Two Gila River Corridor Invasive Weed Control
15-187WPF	Upper Verde River Habitat Improvement Project
17-188WPF	Apache and Navajo County Focal Area Watershed Improvement Project
17-189WPF	Erosion Control to Stabilize Soils and Restore Historic Grasslands in the Upper Verde River Watershed
17-190WPF	River Restoration through Hazardous Fuels and Invasive Species Removal
17-191WPF	Verde River Habitat Improvement Project
17-192WPF	Lower Verde River Riparian Restoration Project

The annual report for the Arizona Water Protection Fund submitted pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-2107 contains additional details for these projects and program activities.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the information in this letter at 602-771-8528 or rteran@azwater.gov.

Sincerely,



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