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Sent via U.S. Mail and Email

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Re: Mohave County Water Authority and La Paz County Request for an Extension to the Public Comment Period re GSC Farms Proposed Transfer of its Arizona Fourth Priority Colorado River Water Entitlement to the Town of Queen Creek

Dear Mr. Ehinger:

Thank you for your letters dated December 13, 2019 and December 16, 2019, providing comments on the Proposed Transfer of GSC Farm LLC's Arizona Fourth Priority Colorado River entitlement to the Town of Queen Creek (Proposed Transfer). In these letters, you requested that Arizona Department of Water Resources (Department) extend the public comment period for thirty days, from December 16, 2019 to January 15, 2020, to allow Mohave County Water Authority, and other concerned stakeholders and members of the public adequate time to 1) Review and analyze the Application and its exhibits, 2) attend and incorporate into comments information received and shared from the public meetings, which culminated on November 21, 2019, and 3) ensure an open and public process. La Paz county requested additional time to review and incorporate into its written comments information disseminated during the public meetings and from other stakeholders in this process.

In view of the importance of meaningful public stakeholder input on the Proposed Transfer, the Department is granting your request to extend the public comment period by thirty days, to January 15, 2020. This extension results in a 60-day comment period on the Proposed Transfer. The Department will post notice of the extended comment period on its website and notify the list of interested parties that comprise of individuals and entities that wish to be advised of pending requests to initiate a Colorado River transfer action.

Sincerely,

Tom Buschatzke
Director

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