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*Via electronic and regular mail*

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Attn: Jim Ferguson, Town Manager  
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Dear Ms. Benemelis and Mr. Ferguson:

As you are aware, the public comment period regarding the *Proposed Lease and Transfer of the Town of Quartzsite's Colorado River Entitlement to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District* closed on December 20, 2017. All public comments received during the comment period are now posted to the Arizona Department of Water Resources' website for your review.

Pursuant to the Department's *Policy and Procedure for Transferring an Entitlement of Colorado River Water*, dated January 17, 2014 (Policy), when potentially negative impacts are claimed, the Department will notify the entity giving up the entitlement and the receiving entity about the claimed impacts. Due to the assertion of claims of "negative impacts" in several of the public comments, this correspondence serves as the Department's notification of same to the entity giving up the entitlement (Town of Quartzsite) and the receiving entity (CAWCD).

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The Policy provides that when negative impacts are claimed, the Department will provide up to 90 days for all parties to attempt to resolve or mitigate the claimed impacts and to provide information to the Secretary of the Interior. Please advise the Department within two weeks from the date of this letter (January 17, 2018), if you desire up to 90 days to attempt to resolve or mitigate the claimed negative impacts from the proposed lease and transfer. Absent a response by January 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., the Department will assume that neither CAWCD nor the Town of Quartzsite seeks the additional time to attempt to resolve or mitigate claimed negative impacts and the Department will then review the transfer action and make its recommendation to the Secretary.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kelly Brown, at 602.771.8472 or via email at [kbrown@azwater.gov](mailto:kbrown@azwater.gov)

Sincerely,



Thomas Buschatzke, Director