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Dear Mr. Pearce:

The Arizona Department of Water Resources (Department) is in receipt of your correspondence dated February 7, 2020, requesting an additional 90 days in accordance with the Department's *Policy and Procedure for Transferring an Entitlement of Colorado River Water*, dated January 16, 2019 (Colorado River Transfer Policy). The additional 90 days is requested to review the public comments in detail and to address any concern of negative impact from the proposed transfer action that have been expressed.

The Department will begin the 90-day period from February 10, 2020. May 10, 2020 will mark the end of the 90-day period by which GSC Farm and Queen Creek must inform the Department of their attempts to resolve and/or respond to any claims of negative impacts from the proposed transfer action. Upon receipt of that information, the Department will have 60 days to 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Buschatzke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thomas Buschatzke  
Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources

Cc: Steve Hvinden, Office Chief, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, Bureau of Reclamation  
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