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The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey
Governor, State of Arizona
1700 West Washington Street
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Dear Governor Ducey:

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 2020 included:

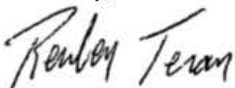
Project Number	Project Name
14-182WPF	Arundo Eradication and Riparian Restoration of Sabino and Bear Creek, Tucson, AZ
17-188WPF	Apache and Navajo County Focal Area Watershed Improvement Project
17-189WPF	Erosion Control to Stabilize Soils and Restore Historic Grasslands in the Upper Verde River Watershed
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

Project Number	Project Name
19-193WPF	Verde River-Oak Creek Confluence Habitat Improvement Project
19-194WPF	Davis Cattle Co. Grassland Restoration
19-195WPF	Gila Valley Irrigation District Rapid Appraisal for Modernization
19-196WPF	Do Native Fish Facilitate the Persistence of Endangered Spikedace by Resuspending Food Particles
19-197WPF	Bill Williams Mountain Forest and Watershed Restoration Project
19-198WPF	Granite Creek Corridor Enhancement Master Plan
19-199WPF	Headwater Stream Restoration: Coyote Springs, Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff
19-200WPF	American Gulch Channel and Riparian Enhancement
19-201WPF	Webber Creek Sediment Control Project
20-202WPF	Gila Valley Irrigation District System Optimization Phase I
20-203WPF	Sandhill Farm Water and Wildlife Conservation Project
20-204WPF	Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District Riparian Restoration
20-205WPF	Upper, Middle, and Lower Fossil Creek Invasive Plant Removal
20-209WPF	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation 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. Annual reports may be accessed online at <https://www.azwpf.gov/documents-and-reports>.

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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cc: The Honorable Katie Hobbs, Arizona Secretary of State
The Honorable Karen Fann, President, Arizona State Senate

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