



Arizona State Legislature

1700 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Dear Director Buschatzke,

At the meeting of the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation, and Conservation Council held on September 15, 2020, the Arizona Department of Water (Department) confirmed that it is on track to issue a decision regarding the Fourth Management Plan in the Pinal Active Management Area (AMA) on Monday, September 21, 2020.

We've heard from stakeholders involved in the process that concerns – which were raised appropriately through the public hearing process – are numerous, complex, and remain unanswered.

In order to allow the Department the time necessary to meet with those stakeholders, we respectfully request a 60-day extension before the Department issues their findings.

We appreciate that the Department is moving quickly to approve this plan, in accordance with its other statutory obligations. But this quick work has also led to a lack of time for key conversations and idea sharing among the regulated community. This extension will allow the Department and the stakeholders the ability to address concerns in a meaningful, collaborative way as you work together to achieve the Pinal AMA's management goal.

Sincerely,

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