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January 11, 2018

Thomas Buschatzke, Director  
Arizona Department of Water Resources  
1110 West Washington Street, Suite 310  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Proposed Lease and Transfer of the Town of Quartzsite's Colorado River Entitlement to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, Response to Public Comment

Dear Mr. Buschatzke,

Central Arizona Water Conservation District ("CAWCD") and the Town of Quartzsite ("Quartzsite") received your letter dated January 3, 2017 regarding the above-referenced proposed lease and transfer of Quartzsite's Colorado River entitlement to CAWCD (attached). In response to the request in your letter, CAWCD and Quartzsite hereby advise the Department that we desire an additional 90 days to address any claimed negative impacts from the proposed lease and transfer of Quartzsite's Colorado River entitlement before the Department completes its review of the proposed transfer action and makes its recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior. CAWCD and Quartzsite do not believe there are any negative impacts that will result from the proposed lease and transfer. Nevertheless, CAWCD and Quartzsite would like the additional 90 days to review the public comments and to attempt to resolve (and/or respond to) any claims of negative impacts from the proposed transfer action.

CAWCD and Quartzsite request that Department advise us of the date marking the end of the 90-day period by which CAWCD and Quartzsite must inform the Department of our attempts to resolve and/or respond to any claims of negative impacts from the proposed transfer action.

Sincerely,

  
Ferri Benemelis, Manager

Sincerely,

  
Jim Ferguson, Town Manager