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Mr. Hunter Moore, Natural Resources Policy Advisor
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Re: Recommendation to Maintain the Drought Emergency Declaration PCA99006 and Drought Declaration issued by Executive Order 2007-10

Dear Mr. Moore,

This letter provides the Fall 2016 update on Arizona's drought conditions and recommendation to the Governor from the Drought Interagency Coordinating Group (ICG). The ICG is an advisory body to the Governor, composed of state, federal and non-governmental organizations. This group meets in the spring and fall to evaluate drought conditions and provide recommendations to the Governor regarding emergency declarations due to drought.

The updates presented at the November 16, 2016, ICG meeting confirmed that Arizona remains in a long-term drought, with most of the state experiencing moderate drought conditions. Based on the information presented at the meeting, the Drought Interagency Coordinating Group unanimously recommends that the state's Drought Emergency Declaration (PCA99006) and Drought Declaration for the State of Arizona (Executive Order 2007-10) be continued. No further action is required to maintain both declarations already in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Buschatzke", is written over a white background.

Thomas Buschatzke, ICG Co-chair

cc: Wendy Smith-Reeve, ICG Co-chair

Enclosures:

- ICG Meeting Summary
- PCA99006 Drought Emergency Declaration
- Executive Order 2007-10 Drought Declaration for the State of Arizona
- Arizona Drought Preparedness Annual Report