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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 2018 update on Arizona 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 28, 2018, ICG meeting confirmed that Arizona remains in a long-term drought, with 100 percent of the state experiencing some level of drought conditions from abnormally dry to exceptional drought. Based on the information presented at the meeting, the Governor's Drought ICG 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".

Tom 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
- 2018 Drought Preparedness Plan Annual Report