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**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
BEFORE THE DIRECTOR**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION
OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
THE PINAL ACTIVE
MANAGEMENT AREA FOR THE
FOURTH MANAGEMENT PERIOD**

**ORDER OF ADOPTION
Date: September 18, 2020**

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I. Order of Adoption

In accordance with the requirements of A.R.S. § 45-571, Thomas Buschatzke, Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“Director”), hereby adopts the attached document as the management plan for the Pinal Active Management area (“AMA”) for the fourth management period (“Fourth Management Plan”). The Fourth Management Plan contains the following chapters: Chapter 1 (Introduction), Chapter 2 (Hydrology), Chapter 3 (Water Demand and Supply), Chapter 4 (Agricultural), Chapter 5 (Municipal), Chapter 6 (Industrial), Chapter 7 (Water Quality), Chapter 8 (Underground Water Storage, Savings and Replenishment), Chapter 9 (Water Management Assistance), Chapter 10 (Implementation), and Chapter 11 (Water Management Strategy).

On July 14, 2020, the Director issued the proposed Fourth Management Plan for the Pinal AMA (“proposed plan”). A public hearing on the proposed plan was held in Florence, Arizona and via webinar on August 20, 2020. The comment record remained open for the submission of written comments until August 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Simultaneously with this order, the Director is filing in the Department of Water Resources (“Department”) a written summary and findings with respect to matters considered during the hearing record period. As a result of additional review by the Director, the Director

1 has made non-substantive modifications to the proposed plan to make typographical and
2 technical corrections, as described below.

3 **II. Modifications Made to Proposed Fourth Management Plan**

4 The following modifications have been made to the proposed plan:

5 A. Minor numbering and formatting corrections.

6 **III. Effective Date of Order for Purposes of Motions for Rehearing or Review**

7 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-571(C), a summary of this order, the management plan adopted
8 by this order and the Director's findings with respect to matters considered during the public
9 hearing will be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Casa Grande
10 Dispatch, beginning on September 19, 2020. This order shall be effective for purposes of
11 motions for rehearing or review on September 26, 2020, the date of the last publication.

12 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-114(C), any person may file a motion for rehearing or review of
13 this order and the management plan adopted by this order no later than October 25, 2020 at 5:00
14 p.m. Any motion for rehearing or review must be filed with the Docket Supervisor, Arizona
15 Department of Water Resources, 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 310, Phoenix, Arizona
16 85007. A party is not required to file a motion for rehearing or review in order to exhaust
17 administrative remedies and may seek judicial review of the Fourth Management Plan once the
18 director's decision becomes final as provided in section IV.

19 **IV. Judicial Review**

20 This order shall become final for the purpose of judicial review as follows:

21 1. If no person files a motion for rehearing or review within the time allowed by section
22 III of this order, this order shall become final for the purpose of judicial review on October 25,
23 2020 and the Department shall post notice on its website that the order is final as of that date.

24 2. If any person files a timely motion for rehearing or review, the Director will issue a
25 decision on the motion and may modify the management plan after rehearing or review. After
the Director issues decisions on all motions for rehearing or review, the Director shall publish
notice that the management plan is final once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Casa

1 Grande Dispatch. The notice will include a description of any modifications made after rehearing
2 or review. The management plan shall be final for the purpose of judicial review when the notice
3 is published for the second time.

4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached document is adopted as the Fourth
5 Management Plan.

6 Dated this 17th day of September, 2020.

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10 Thomas Buschatzke
11 Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
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