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7 MR. RIGGINS: Good afternoon everyone.  
8 For the record, today is February 10th, 2020, and the  
9 time is 1:00, 1 p.m. We are in Conference Room 3175 at  
10 the Arizona Department of Water Resources in Phoenix,  
11 Arizona. This is the time and the place for the public  
12 hearing on the proposed Management Plan for the Phoenix  
13 Active Management Area for the fourth management  
14 period.

15 My name is John Riggins. I'm the Chief  
16 Compliance Officer and Ombudsman at the Department of  
17 Water Resources, and I will be the hearing officer for  
18 today's hearing.

19 With me are Natalie Mast, Program Manager for  
20 the Active Management Area Management Plans and Einav  
21 Henenson, Statewide AMA Area Director at ADWR. Natalie  
22 has been involved in the department of -- excuse me --  
23 Natalie has been involved in the development of the  
24 proposed management plan and will give a brief  
25 description of the proposed management plan, including

1 a summary of comments provided by the Phoenix Active  
2 Management Area Groundwater Users Advisory Council on  
3 the draft management plan, data in support of the  
4 adoption of the proposed management plan, and a summary  
5 of changes from the Third Management Plan. Also with  
6 me today from the Department are: Kelly Brown, Deputy  
7 Counsel, in the back; as well as Sharon Scantlebury,  
8 the Docket Supervisor, who is also in the back.

9 We have a court reporter to record our  
10 comments. It's important for the speakers to please  
11 speak up and speak slowly so the court reporter can  
12 accurately record your comments. If anyone has any  
13 difficulty hearing me or a speaker, please let me know.

14 There are speaker cards on the table at the  
15 entrance. If you wish to -- if you would like to speak  
16 today, please fill out a speaker card if you haven't  
17 done so already and submit your comment card to Sharon  
18 Scantlebury in the back.

19 Persons presenting comments at the hearing  
20 will be subject to a three-minute time limit to ensure  
21 all who wish to speak receive an opportunity to do so.

22 The purpose of this hearing is to provide  
23 members of the public the opportunity to make oral or  
24 written comments on the proposed management plan for  
25 the Phoenix Active Management Area for the fourth

1 management period. The proposed plan is available on  
2 the Department's website, [www.azwater.gov](http://www.azwater.gov).

3 We will not respond to questions or comments  
4 at this hearing today. However, we will do so in  
5 writing as part of a formal management plan adoption  
6 process. If anyone has any questions or comments on  
7 issues or programs that are outside the scope of this  
8 hearing, you can contact me or one of our staff after  
9 the hearing.

10 The hearing will be conducted in a formal  
11 manner. As I mentioned previously, a court reporter is  
12 recording everything that's being said. A copy of the  
13 transcript of the hearing will be available for review  
14 at the Department's office and will also be posted on  
15 the Department's website when it's available. At the  
16 conclusion of this hearing, I will be accepting any  
17 written comments or documentary evidence that anyone  
18 may wish to submit to the Department regarding the  
19 proposed management plan. The Department will also  
20 accept written comments until 5 p.m. today. Written  
21 comments submitted up until 5 p.m. today should be  
22 submitted to the Department's Docket Supervisor, Sharon  
23 Scantlebury by email to -- and I'll spell her email.  
24 It is [sscantlebury@azwater.gov](mailto:sscantlebury@azwater.gov) or fax at (602) 771-8686.  
25 A copy of the public notice with Sharon's contact

1 information is posted on the Department's website, and  
2 her business cards are also located on the table near  
3 the entrance of this room, if you would like one.

4 Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes or  
5 A.R.S. Section 45-571: Within 30 days from today, the  
6 Director will make and file in the Department a written  
7 summary and findings with respect to the comments and  
8 evidence received at this hearing and prior to 5 p.m.  
9 today.

10 If in the findings, the Director decides to  
11 adopt the management plan, the Director will make and  
12 file with the Department an order adopting the plan  
13 pursuant to the findings. Notice of the order will be  
14 sent to all persons who signed the attendance sheet  
15 today and to all persons who submitted comments or  
16 evidence prior to the close of the record. Please make  
17 sure you provided your physical or email address to  
18 receive a copy of the notice.

19 The Director will also publish a summary of  
20 the plan, findings and order of adoption once a week  
21 for two consecutive weeks in the Arizona Republic.

22 Pursuant to A.R.S. Sections 45-571 and  
23 45-114, Subsection (C), any person may file a request  
24 for rehearing or review of the order of adoption within  
25 30 days after the second publication of the notice.

1 The last day for filing requests for rehearing or  
2 review will be identified in both the mailed and  
3 published notices of the order of adoption. If no one  
4 files a timely request for rehearing or review, the  
5 plan will become final.

6 If a timely request for rehearing or review  
7 is filed, the Director will have 60 days after  
8 receiving the request to issue a decision on the  
9 request. The Director may grant a rehearing, grant  
10 review without a rehearing or deny the request.

11 Any person may seek judicial review of the  
12 Director's decision to adopt the management plan as  
13 provided in A.R.S. Section 45-114, Subsection (C).

14 Within 30 days after the plan becomes final,  
15 the Department will mail notice of the conservation  
16 requirements contained in the plan to all persons who  
17 are required to comply with the requirements. Any  
18 aggrieved person may request an administrative review  
19 of the conservation requirement within 90 days after  
20 receiving notice of the requirement as provided by  
21 A.R.S. Section 45-575, Subsection (A).

22 A person who requires additional time to  
23 comply with a new conservation requirement may request  
24 a variance within 90 days after receiving notice of the  
25 requirement pursuant to A.R.S. Section 45-574,

1 Subsection (A).

2 So now I will turn the hearing over to  
3 Natalie Mast, who will describe the proposed plan in  
4 greater detail.

5 MS. MAST: Thank you.

6 Good afternoon. My name is Natalie Mast, and  
7 I am the Program Manager for the management plans here  
8 at ADWR.

9 The purpose of this presentation is to  
10 present data in support of the proposed management plan  
11 and to provide a summary of the comments made by GUAC  
12 members. I will also provide a brief overview of the  
13 contents of the proposed plan and the changes as  
14 compared to the Third Management Plan.

15 The initial draft of the Phoenix Active  
16 Management Area Fourth Management Plan was published in  
17 July of 2019. From July to November, ADWR accepted  
18 comments and worked with stakeholders and Groundwater  
19 User Advisory Council or GUAC members on revisions to  
20 that plan. The GUAC comments, I will summarize  
21 shortly, were received during this time period.

22 In November, ADWR published an updated draft  
23 incorporating many stakeholder recommendations and  
24 received a unanimous recommendation from GUAC members  
25 to move forward with promulgating that plan.



1           On January 6, a public notice was published  
2 in the Arizona Republic announcing today's hearing and  
3 opening the formal comment period on this plan, which  
4 closes today at 5 p.m. ADWR will publish written  
5 findings from today's hearing within 30 days, and so  
6 long as adoption of the proposed plan occurs within  
7 this calendar year, the conservation programs in this  
8 plan will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

9           The recommendations received from GUAC  
10 members covered a broad range of topics, with some  
11 being very general and some being very detailed. The  
12 full text of those comments is posted on the Management  
13 Plans page on ADWR's website. Some general comments  
14 received indicated an interest in the analysis of  
15 safe-yield and in more closely linking the locations of  
16 recharge and recovery.

17           With regard to the Agricultural Conservation  
18 Program, there was some expressed concern regarding  
19 water duty reductions, which on further investigation  
20 were found to be generally seen as a small impact.  
21 Additionally, there were some small adjustments  
22 suggested for the language and points associated with  
23 individual Best Management Practices, which were  
24 incorporated into the proposed plan.

25           With regard to the Municipal Conservation

1 Program, ADWR received and incorporated a large volume  
2 of feedback on the individual BMPs and the point  
3 values, both from GUAC members and from other entities.  
4 Many of these suggestions were incorporated into the  
5 proposed plan.

6 With regard to the Industrial Conservation  
7 Program, a reference to combined-cycle power plants was  
8 added to clarify which conservation requirements apply  
9 to those plants. Additionally, ADWR received extensive  
10 feedback and concern from both GUAC members and from  
11 other entities regarding the proposed changes to the  
12 Turf Conservation Programs. ADWR worked closely with  
13 stakeholders to develop a compromised requirement,  
14 which attempts to balance the needs of the industry  
15 with the requirement to reduce withdrawals of  
16 groundwater. This compromise was incorporated into the  
17 proposed plan.

18 I will now provide a brief overview of some  
19 of the data related to the AMA and a summary of the  
20 proposed plan.

21 The Phoenix Active Management Area is one of  
22 four original AMAs established as a part of the 1980  
23 Groundwater Management Act. It consists of seven  
24 sub-basins: East Salt River Valley, West Salt River  
25 Valley, Fountain Hills, Carefree, Lake Pleasant,

1 Rainbow Valley and Hassayampa sub-basins.

2           This slide shows changes in water levels from  
3 2000 to 2014, with red points indicating declines in  
4 water levels and blue points indicating increases. It  
5 is important to note here that water levels should be  
6 considered an aggregate level showing trends in  
7 directionality rather than showing specific conditions  
8 at a specific location. Additionally, some increases  
9 may be more closely correlated to recharge activities  
10 rather than actual reductions in groundwater usage.

11           This graph shows total water demands in the  
12 Phoenix AMA, broken down by sector -- Agricultural  
13 demands at the bottom, then municipal demands, and then  
14 industrial demands. Agricultural demand has decreased  
15 slightly since the early 1990s and municipal demand has  
16 increased, but overall total water demand in the  
17 Phoenix AMA has been pretty steady over time.

18           This graph shows the supplies used to meet  
19 those demands in each year. Since the early 1990s, the  
20 Phoenix AMA has increased its usage of Colorado River  
21 water -- I apologize, it's a little bit hard to see  
22 there -- and of effluent, this top line, and  
23 groundwater demands have been close to constant or have  
24 decreased to just slightly in that time period.

25           In analyzing how those supplies and demands

1 impact the AMA as a whole, we turn to the goal of the  
2 AMA, and an analysis of safe-yield or overdraft. This  
3 chart shows an annual calculation of this groundwater  
4 budget. Inflows on the bottom include things like  
5 natural and incidental recharge, and outflows on top  
6 include things like groundwater pumping, and the black  
7 line in the middle shows how those inflows and outflows  
8 balance in a given year. There is variation in this  
9 annual calculation; but as a general trend, the Phoenix  
10 AMA has not yet achieved safe-yield.

11           The proposed management plan contains eleven  
12 chapters, many containing data, analysis, and  
13 background information. Chapters 4, 5 and 6 also  
14 contain the continuing mandatory conservation programs  
15 for the agricultural, municipal, and industrial water  
16 users, respectively. These programs are designed to  
17 reduce withdrawals of groundwater.

18           In order to move the Phoenix AMA closer to  
19 its goal of safe-yield, the Fourth Management Plan does  
20 include some changes from the Third Management Plan.  
21 Some of the changes have to do with data, data quality,  
22 and the analysis of that data. With additional  
23 reporting requirements and with some audits to ensure  
24 the quality of that data that is being provided, ADWR  
25 can better assess the effectiveness of the conservation

1 programs in the Management Plans. We want to be  
2 transparent about the use of that data, though, and so  
3 we will be expanding upon an existing report to publish  
4 our analysis of that and other reported data.

5           The Fourth Management Plan also contains  
6 changes to the conservation programs for all three  
7 sectors. These changes are intended to be incremental  
8 adjustments, to increase conservation where we can in  
9 the Fourth Management Plans and to begin conversation  
10 on bigger changes to be made in the Fifth Management  
11 Plans. These Fourth Management Plan changes include a  
12 restructuring of the BMP point systems for both  
13 agricultural and municipal sectors and higher points  
14 targets for these programs, a change in the turf  
15 application rate for turf facilities, and adjustment to  
16 the highest 25 percent of water duties, and several  
17 other changes.

18           Finally, I would like to acknowledge the fact  
19 that these management plans are very much a team  
20 effort, with an enormous amount of work put in by my  
21 predecessors, by management plans and AMA staff, by  
22 other staff from across the Department, and with  
23 significant input from other state agencies, from GUAC  
24 members, and from the regulated community. We would  
25 not be here today without the collaborative effort of

1 all of these people and many more, so thank you to all  
2 who contributed in any way.

3 I'd like to thank you for your time and  
4 attention today. And with that, I will hand it back  
5 over to John who will be calling up speakers.

6 MR. RIGGINS: Thank you, Natalie.

7 So I will now begin calling the names of the  
8 persons who filled out the speaker cards. If you wish  
9 to speak and you haven't filled out a speaker card,  
10 please fill one out, one of the cards that are on the  
11 table near the entrance, and you can submit it to  
12 Sharon Scantlebury at the back there.

13 So when I call your name, please come up to  
14 the podium, state your name, identify any person or  
15 entity that you represent, and then provide your  
16 comments.

17 First name is Mr. David Herrera.

18 MR. HERRERA: My name is David Herrera,  
19 and I represent a group out of Eastern Pinal County.  
20 We have a non-for-profit which is called Eastern Pinal  
21 and Southwest Gila Watershed Partnership.

22 And what we are looking at is water in that  
23 area, you know, in the Superior area of where a lot of  
24 the water is coming from the Superior watersheds.

25 And, primarily, what I would like to know is

1 since Phoenix AMA is into Pinal County, who represents  
2 those people that -- that -- like Superior and -- and  
3 Green Valley and -- and those areas, like do we have an  
4 advisory group or a committee that represents our  
5 issues or needs?

6 And then the second question would be: If we  
7 have people in our area that are interested in  
8 participating with the Phoenix AMA, how does -- how do  
9 we get people to participate with your -- with your  
10 groupings?

11 MR. RIGGINS: So, again, and as stated  
12 before, we're not -- we're not answering or responding,  
13 but you can -- I absolutely appreciate the questions.  
14 Those questions you can submit to the Docket Supervisor  
15 as part of this hearing in the form of like a written  
16 comment and question, and those will be addressed, but,  
17 yeah, we -- we can't address or answer any questions at  
18 this hearing.

19 MR. HERRERA: Okay.

20 MR. RIGGINS: Thank you.

21 So next we have Ms. Sheryl Sweeney.

22 MS. SWEENEY: Hi. I'm Sheryl Sweeney,  
23 and I'm an attorney with Ryley Carlock & Applewhite,  
24 and I'm here today on behalf Roosevelt Irrigation  
25 District.

1           In the November timeframe, we had submitted  
2 some comments regarding the reduction to certain water  
3 duties under the agricultural program, and they were so  
4 good I resubmitted them for this process.

5           I'm sure you just overlooked them, Natalie.

6           No, but I -- I understand that at that time  
7 the decision had been made really to move forward so I  
8 had hoped to resubmit them and to get some written  
9 response on -- on those points.

10           What -- what became clear to us fairly late  
11 in -- in the process was that over half of the water  
12 that's going to be saved under those water duties are  
13 going -- it's going to be saved from farms in our ID,  
14 and that the farms that are going to be affected by it  
15 are largely farms that, when through the years, were  
16 used -- water quality, soil conditions, slope, those  
17 kinds of limiting factors -- to take their basic water  
18 duty and increase it to account for those things.

19           And when we got to 70 percent efficiency in  
20 20 -- the year 20 thousand(sic), all of those things  
21 were taken into account. And what's happened in this  
22 management plan is we've gone back and taken those 70  
23 percent efficiencies and brought them back down.

24           And I'm concerned that if we dig into all of  
25 the irrigation grandfathered rights in our ID, what



1 we're going to find is that each one of them can come  
2 back and probably will come back to get it bumped back  
3 up to account for those limiting circumstances.

4 And to -- to the remark about it's considered  
5 a small -- a small amount or a small impact, that may  
6 be true across the board for a 6,000 acre feet of a  
7 reduction and across the Phoenix AMA; but when 4,000 of  
8 it comes from farms within our ID, those farmers think  
9 it's a pretty big deal.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. RIGGINS: Thank you, Ms. Sweeney.

12 Next is Alexandra Arboleda.

13 Arboleda. Did I say that correctly?

14 MS. ARBOLEDA: Very close.

15 MR. RIGGINS: Close. Okay.

16 MS. ARBOLEDA: So I'm Alexandra

17 Arboleda, and I'm with TSL Law Group. I am

18 representing Paradise Valley Country Club today.

19 And we appreciate very much the opportunity  
20 to submit comments -- we've also submitted written  
21 comments -- and also the Department's collaborative  
22 approach to listening to our comments and discussing  
23 our concerns.

24 So Paradise Valley Country Club recognizes  
25 the significant responsibility that we all share in

1 meeting the safe-yield goal and especially in light of  
2 continued municipal and industrial growth, drought and  
3 climate change.

4 Paradise Valley Country Club is committed to  
5 using the best available technologies and practices to  
6 promote water conservation and has demonstrated this  
7 commitment by investing over 3.2 million dollars in  
8 golf course renovations, reducing turfed acreage,  
9 replacing turf with low-water-use plants, and  
10 implementing new technologies to reduce water use and  
11 improve water efficiency.

12 So for the First, Second and Third Management  
13 Plans, the Department was required by statute to  
14 include mandatory conservation requirements designed to  
15 achieve reductions and withdrawals of groundwater and  
16 to establish conservation requirements for industrial  
17 users based on the use of the latest commercially  
18 available conservation technology consistent with  
19 reasonable economic return. Therefore, the Department  
20 was required to evaluate whether its proposed  
21 conservation requirements were, number 1,  
22 scientifically sound measures to -- to reduce  
23 groundwater withdrawals; and, number 2, reasonable from  
24 an economic standpoint.

25 The University of Arizona has conducted a

1 study -- and the study is attached to our written  
2 comments -- and published a research paper in 2006,  
3 which showed that the Third Management Plan application  
4 rate of 4.9 acre feet per acre was unattainable for  
5 golf courses in the Phoenix AMA except in wet years  
6 when increased precipitation provided additional water  
7 supplies.

8           So the conservation requirements adopted for  
9 golf courses in the first three management plans were  
10 based on an evaluation of the consumptive use of  
11 Bermuda grass at a 75 percent efficiency rate.

12           While golf courses typically use Bermuda  
13 grass in the summer, the standard industry practice for  
14 regulation golf courses in the Phoenix AMA is to  
15 overseed with rye grasses in the winter.

16           So for Paradise Valley Country Club and many  
17 other courses, overseeding is essential to its economic  
18 viability, and mandatory conservation requirements that  
19 do not allow for overseeding using the most efficient  
20 water management practices are not reasonable from an  
21 economic standpoint. Therefore, it follows that the  
22 reduction in the application rate in the proposed  
23 Fourth Management Plan for the Phoenix AMA to 4.75 acre  
24 feet per acre at 5 acres per whole is also not  
25 scientifically sound, nor reasonable from an economic

1     *standpoint.*

2                     *And then also for the Fourth Management Plan,*  
3     *the legislature gave the Department discretion to*  
4     *determine whether or not to include additional*  
5     *conservation requirements for industrial users only if*  
6     *they're feasible. The Department opted not to include*  
7     *additional conservation requirements for golf courses*  
8     *in the Fourth Management Plans for the Tucson and*  
9     *Prescott AMAs because it was not feasible.*

10                    *MS. MAST: Alex, I'm -- I'm afraid your*  
11     *time is up.*

12                    *MS. SWEENEY: Okay. Thank you for the*  
13     *opportunity to submit comments. The rest of our*  
14     *comments are in writing, and we appreciate your*  
15     *consideration.*

16                    *MR. RIGGINS: Thank you.*

17                    *Next is Dan Jones.*

18                    *MR. JONES: Good afternoon. My name is*  
19     *Dan Jones. I'm an attorney with Salmon, Lewis &*  
20     *Weldon. I'm here representing New Magma and Queen*  
21     *Creek Irrigation Districts.*

22                    *I just have a quick comment about the way*  
23     *that DWR is analyzing agricultural BMPs and water*  
24     *usage, and we've been talking about this more in the*  
25     *context of the Fifth Management Plan discussions, but*

1 in Chapter 4 of the draft Phoenix AMA Fourth Management  
2 Plan is a statement to the effect that BMP acres  
3 generally use 18 percent more water per irrigation  
4 acre, and we kind of -- we question whether that's  
5 actually true. We'd like to make sure the Department  
6 can support that and that you're not looking at -- to  
7 the extent that that is based on annual reports, those  
8 don't account for how many acres were actually  
9 irrigated within that irrigation right. Often times  
10 you'll find on an annual report, there's a lump sum  
11 amount of water that's used for the whole water right.  
12 That water is only concentrated on a portion of the  
13 IGFR acres, so it may be the case that whatever the  
14 water duty is and whatever the actual irrigation water  
15 usage is, it won't -- it may end up being more than  
16 what you're looking at for that -- for the BMP water  
17 usage, and it's just a function of accounting for what  
18 actually is farmed every year, so...

19 Thank you for the opportunity.

20 MR. RIGGINS: Thank you, sir.

21 Did we have any other -- any other speaker  
22 cards? Was there anyone else who wanted to speak?

23 We've got one. Rory Van Poucke. Did I say  
24 that correctly?

25 MR. VAN POUCKE: Yeah. Rory Van Poucke,

1 Apache Sun Golf Club. I'd like to thank Arizona  
2 Department of Water Resources for this collaborative  
3 effort. It's been greatly appreciated.

4 The golf industry is a vital part of our  
5 economy. The Phoenix Open just completed. They  
6 gave -- charitable giving was a key component of this.  
7 14 million dollars they contributed this past  
8 tournament, which is phenomenal.

9 One thing I'd like to put on the public  
10 record is consideration of if they would carry the  
11 third -- the flex plan -- from the third to the fourth  
12 plan. I would like to see if the Department would  
13 consider that.

14 Thank you so much, and thank you, Natalie,  
15 and everyone for your help.

16 MR. RIGGINS: Thank you, sir.

17 Is there anyone else who would like to speak?  
18 Mr. Ron Rayner.

19 MR. RAYNER: Thank you very much for  
20 holding the hearing and reviewing very carefully your  
21 presentation for the Fourth Management Plan. I've been  
22 fairly involved with the process, and most of you know  
23 that I am a farmer in the West Valley and have a great  
24 deal of concern over, you know, when somebody tinkers  
25 with how much water you're going to get to use, but I

1 think that some of the questions that I had earlier and  
2 the comments that I filed earlier have been addressed,  
3 but I still am concerned so that -- you know, for  
4 someone that has a real negative impact to them for the  
5 reduction, say, the 10 percent reduction, that at least  
6 they do have the administrative review process, I  
7 believe, that they can go through, so at least you can  
8 make your case if there are special circumstances for  
9 the farm.

10 But, you know, one of the things that I want  
11 to mention here today is that, you know, when you get  
12 kind of old, you start thinking about, well, what was  
13 going on back when this Groundwater Management Act  
14 was -- was first implemented and the discussions that  
15 went on when, you know, we decided that we needed to  
16 regulate how much water gets pumped.

17 And one of the things that I distinctly  
18 remember that, you know, there was a serious battle  
19 going on between basically the interests that were at  
20 the table, and they wound up with just a handful of  
21 people doing the last negotiation, and I -- I see Bruce  
22 Heiden sitting in the audience, and I think he  
23 remembers this quite well, but one of things that the  
24 negotiator for agriculture got out of that discussion  
25 was the right to convert your irrigation grandfathered

1 right over to a non-irrigation right, which wound up  
2 being the type 1 and it was for 3 acre feet, and then  
3 you think about it -- well, we thought, well, at least  
4 we got something out of this. You know, maybe when the  
5 time comes I'll be bought out instead of being sold out  
6 by my banker and do the conversion, and that was part  
7 of the vision of the people that were in that  
8 discussion, was that at least as long as we kept  
9 transferring those acre feet of water from one use to  
10 the other, it would push way off into the future any  
11 resulting shortfalls.

12           And, you know, I have to tell you that I sat  
13 on the CAP board for a while and the CAGR D was in  
14 operation back then; but when I saw really what the  
15 CAGR D did to you then, it made the desert lands  
16 attractive for developers to go out and buy that  
17 cheaper desert ground than have to pay some hard  
18 negotiating farmer to buy his land.

19           And so then we started creating a new use for  
20 water or no use that occurred before. And guess what,  
21 now we have to figure out ways to save a little more  
22 here and a little more there, so in the -- you know, we  
23 need to be careful that conservation truly is  
24 conservation and not putting us out of business, and  
25 that was what I really worried about, and I think my



1 three minutes are up.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. RIGGINS: Thank you, sir.

4 Was there -- was there anyone else who'd like  
5 to speak?

6 All right. Seeing none, let the record  
7 reflect that no one else wishes to speak. That will  
8 move us along. I want to thank all the speakers, too,  
9 for their -- their comments and their questions.  
10 Again, you know, we're not responding to questions here  
11 at this hearing, but if you do -- we'll respond to the  
12 questions that were presented through the formal  
13 process in writing, so I just wanted to put that out  
14 there again.

15 Is there anyone here who wishes to submit any  
16 written comments or evidence that they've brought with  
17 them?

18 Seeing none, let the record reflect that no  
19 one wishes to submit any written comments or evidence.

20 As I mentioned earlier, written comments on  
21 the proposed management plan may be submitted until  
22 5 p.m. today. If you'd like to submit written comments  
23 after the close of the hearing but no later than 5 p.m.  
24 today, please fax or email them to Sharon Scantlebury,  
25 the Department's Docket Supervisor. Her fax number

1 again is (602)771-8686, and her email address is  
2 sscantlebury@azwater.gov, and she has cards, business  
3 cards in the back with her contact information, and  
4 that's on the table located by the entrance as you're  
5 heading out.

6 This public hearing is now adjourned. I want  
7 to thank everybody for attending and for everyone who  
8 provided comment.

9 Thank you.

10 (WHEREUPON, the public hearing was adjourned  
11 at 1:35 p.m.)

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BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing proceedings were reported by Dorothy A. Schulte, Certified Reporter, Certificate No. 50459, State of Arizona, and reduced to written form under my direction; that the foregoing 26 pages constitute a full, true, and accurate transcript; all done to the best of my skill and ability.

DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 23rd day of February, 2020.

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