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Pamela Pickard, President Central Arizona Water Conservation District, CAWCD P.O. Box 43020 Phoenix, Arizona 85080-3020

RE: Wheeling Non-Project Water

Dear President Pickard:

I write this letter regarding the ongoing Wheeling Stakeholder Process and the current CAWCD Staff Proposals. The Arizona State Land Department (Department) considers groundwater in multiple basins to be important assets to State Trust. We believe that it is in the best interest of the Trust to ensure that future authorized transportation of that groundwater through the CAP aqueduct is practical once all required permits and approvals have been obtained through the appropriate processes.

While the Department is supportive of the general concept of wheeling we recognize the complexity of and issues associated with transporting multiple water supplies through the CAP system. We may have some comments regarding the current staff proposal and appreciate the opportunity for our continued involvement in a public and open process as those details are developed.

Sincerely,

Vanessa P. Hickman State Land Commissioner

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