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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find the Gila River Indian Community's comments on the draft CAP Water Quality Guidance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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# GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

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Subject: Gila River Indian Community's Comments Regarding the Water Quality  
Guidance for the Introduction of Non-Project Water Into the Central Arizona  
Project ("CAP")

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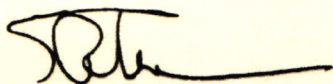
As the single largest entitlement holder of CAP water, the Gila River Indian Community ("Community") had representatives participate in the first meetings on water quality standards for CAP water wheeling projects in early 2017. The Community also participated in the numerous subsequent meetings of the CAP Task Force and stakeholders technical discussions hosted by Arizona Municipal Water Users Association to provide a single joint response to the water quality proposal requested by CAP. We reviewed the numerous drafts and supported the work in testimony before the CAP Task Force and CAP Board Meetings.

The current Draft Water Quality Guidance for the Introduction of Non-Project Water Into the Central Arizona Project ("Draft Guidance") reflects the extended discussions and input from the Community as well as a wide variety of stakeholders. The Draft Guidance both provides for wheeling of water through the CAP that will substantially strengthen Arizona's water resilience and implements a novel and effective science-based water-quality protection program that protects those taking out CAP water near the end of the system where water flows are less. Individual chemicals are addressed in detail and in logical groups. Man-made contaminants are entirely banned to the extent they can be detected. It also provides for tribes that are yet to pursue the process of wheeling water in the CAP. The Community hosted an early tribal consultation before the process of development of this document and stands ready to participate in future tribal consultations as they may be convened by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Community firmly believes that early and meaningful involvement of CAP tribes helps lead to successful outcomes when CAP develops new policies to operate the CAP system. The CAP

staff and those CAP Board Members who participated in this process should be commended in supporting this inclusive process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Roe Lewis  
Governor

