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- Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District*
- Kai Farms*
- Town of Marana Municipal Water System*
- Metro Water District*
- Oro Valley Water Utility*
- Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department*
- Red Rock Utilities, LLC*
- Sahuarita Water Company*
- Town of Sahuarita Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility*
- Tucson Water Department*

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Subject: City/County Water & Wastewater Infrastructure, Supply and Planning Study

The Southern Arizona Water Users Association (SAWUA) is comprised of the major water providers and users in the region. Since 1999, we have been working together on issues that we have in common, from water resources to regulations. Our focus is to ensure that when any of our members' customers turn on the tap, there is water. When it comes to water, the members of SAWUA are the experts who should be consulted with before any decisions are made that will have a long-term impact on water in this region.

A few years ago, SAWUA recognized that the region as a whole should work cooperatively on how to ensure that enough water was available to the population we serve. At that time, we proposed a voluntary nonprofit organization be created that would obtain, manage and use renewable water supplies. Its primary task would be to find and secure additional water resources for the Tucson region and serve as a wholesale water provider to its members.

We made presentations to the governing bodies of SAWUA's membership that were well received; however, our efforts to move forward were slowed down after our presentation to the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

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SAWUA would be pleased to provide more information to this group about our original proposal for a cooperative water supply organization. A PowerPoint presentation is available upon request. We believe what we proposed and have subsequently learned is important in any discussion about regional water issues.

We want the community to know that the municipal water providers and agricultural water users who are members of SAWUA talk together and cooperate on common issues. SAWUA's members do a competent job in meeting today's water demands and planning for the future. Let's build on the cooperation and dialogue that already exists and avoid giving the perception that everything related to water is contentious.

Also, the region's water providers know precisely what water resources they have access to. Each and every one of us has developed long-range projections of water demands and has developed plans to meet those demands. The Tucson Active Management Area has aggregated this information across the region and has developed plans to reduce and eventually eliminate the groundwater overdraft. These facts are not unknown to the region's water providers and professional water managers.

As a representative of a large number of entities and a very important sector in the community, we request a seat at the table in any future regional water discussions.

Sincerely,

SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. David Crockett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

W. David Crockett
President