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Dear Mr. Barry:

Subject: City/County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee

Members of the Southern Arizona Water Users Association (SAWUA) have been following the scope of work being pursued by your Committee; and although we haven't been directly contacted, we would like to make some comments in addition to those already addressed in our letter of April 17 to Mr. John Thomas.

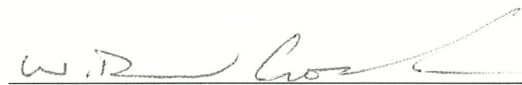
- In your letter of April 15 to Town Managers, the City/County Water and Wastewater Oversight Committee invited other water and wastewater utilities in the region to undertake Phase 1 studies of their own. Under the limits of Homeland Security put into place following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, the amount of detailed information that each utility may give out is limited. All public utilities were required to complete vulnerability assessments that may restrict information being forwarded for public review. Individual utilities may also have restrictions over and above those required by the EPA.
- At what juncture do you plan to define the area that will be included in your study? Some members of SAWUA are not within the Tucson metropolitan area but are within Pima County. One member is located in southern Pinal County. A boundary needs to be defined for the study area so we know which member utilities are affected.

- You have asked for community input yet your committee only has one water manager on it. A number of our members believe that all of the water providers in Pima County should have first been brought together to develop a basis from which to proceed and that at a minimum SAWUA should be included to represent the majority of water and wastewater providers in the region.
- There are many utilities that have not received information requests from the committee.
- The “template” that has been referred to has not been made available to all utilities.
- A detailed analysis of all infrastructure of each utility is unnecessary. We believe that the critical information that should be requested is service area boundary, current and committed demand of the service area, available water resources to meet service area demands, and potential interconnects with neighboring utilities.
- When the study area has been defined and the inventory for that area completed, the committee should be able to determine what population can be sustained with current supplies. At that time, the governing bodies can begin the conversation about how to obtain additional supplies, from where, and at what cost.

To achieve your *ultimate goal to inform a productive regional dialogue on the future of water and wastewater systems and resources in the region*, we believe that your process should be expanded and groups such as SAWUA should be invited to discuss the very important topic of water decisions in our region.

Sincerely,

SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATER USERS ASSOCIATION



W. David Crockett
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