

February 3, 2010

Mayor and Council
City of Tucson, AZ

Reference: Phase 2 Report on Tucson Pima Water Study

Dear Mayor and Council:

Sound water management policies are essential to ensure our region has a sustainable future. The City/County Study process is a step in the right direction. However, after reviewing the Phase 2 report, I am concerned that there are several key questions that need to be answered prior to adopting the report.

- 1) What is the implication of this report on jobs and economic investment? Are there recommendations that will stifle job growth?
- 2) Specifically, how is this report going to be used to shape future water policies and will business groups have a stake in the process?
- 3) Have all of the costs to the City, taxpayers and businesses associated with the recommendations been identified?
- 4) Has a cost benefit analysis been conducted on the use of the Conservation Effluent Pool? Does the City have a plan to acquire the water it will be giving away?
- 5) Will the entire report, including some of the no growth rhetoric in the narrative sections, be used to make policy or will it be limited to only numbered recommendations?

I'm confident that having the answers to these questions will allow you to make informed policy decisions. During these challenging economic times, preserving jobs/economic investment and making smart fiscal decisions, will help ensure a prosperous future.

Sincerely,



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