

In response to your request, I offer these brief comments on the Phase 2 Final Report, Water & Wastewater Infrastructure, Supply and Planning Study (Phase 2 Report).

I serve as Director of the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Arizona. My research, teaching and outreach focus on water policy and management. As you know from my presentations to the committee, I authored the 2006 study "Water Resource Availability for the Tucson Metropolitan Area" and co-authored the 2008 study entitled "Tucson Regional Water Planning Perspectives Study."

The Phase 2 Report represents an impressive collaborative effort and provides an important foundation for regional cooperation. What is extremely important at this juncture is to regionalize the effort to include representatives from other jurisdictions, water providers, communities and businesses. Sound water management is a regional priority for public and private sector entities and individuals throughout the region.

The Water Resources Research Center at the University of Arizona looks forward to hosting a presentation on the study this Spring. I also look forward to continued dialogue regarding the recommendations and the broader regional effort. Please let me know if the Water Resources Research Center can be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
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