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Tucson, Arizona 85701

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Re: Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Comments to Water Study Action Plan

Dear Mayor Walkup, Council Members, and Supervisors:

This Firm represents the Pascua Yaqui Tribe (Tribe) on water rights and water resource matters. The Tribe has been following with interest the joint efforts of the City of Tucson and Pima County to develop the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, Supply and Planning Study (Water Study), and most recently, the related Water Study Action Plan, dated September 16, 2010 (Action Plan).

As with prior documents generated as part of the Water Study, the Action Plan appears to reflect a genuine attempt on the part of the County and the City of Tucson to encourage a regional discussion regarding comprehensive water resource and land use planning. The Tribe stands ready to contribute to and participate in the regional dialogue contemplated by the Water Study and Action Plan.

Indeed, the Tribe is presently working with the City of Tucson to complete negotiations for a water service agreement that would provide, among other things, settled expectations for both parties as to the extent and scope of Tucson Water's long-term water service commitment to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, while also facilitating (for the first time) the delivery of the Tribe's annual 500 acre-feet allocation of Central Arizona Project water to the Tucson region.

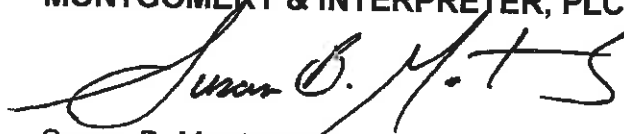
The Tribe is also generally supportive of the Action Plan elements which call for increased use of renewable water supplies, like effluent and reclaimed water, and which demonstrate a commitment by Pima County and Tucson to examining ways to expand a reclaimed water system in the region.

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe has lived in the Tucson region for as long as can be recalled, and it understands the critical importance of protecting and preserving the regional water supply for all who call the Tucson region home. The Tribe remains committed to working with Pima County and Tucson to achieve this important goal.

Should you have any specific questions related to these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Truly,

MONTGOMERY & INTERPRETER, PLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan B. Montgomery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being the most prominent.

Susan B. Montgomery

Cc: Chairman Yucupicio, Vice-Chairman Valencia, and Tribal Council Members
Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Rolando Flores, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Attorney General