



June 17, 2013

Ms. Virginia O'Connell, Manager
Arizona Water Banking Authority
3550 North Central Avenue, Second Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Re: Draft AWBA Annual Report

Dear Ms. O'Connell:

The Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District (District) appreciates the continued support given by the Arizona Water Banking Authority (AWBA) to develop plans for achieving the M&I firming water goals in the Active Management Areas (AMAs). AWBA acknowledges in its draft annual report on Page 34 that reaching the M&I firming water goal within the Tucson AMA is NOT attainable during the 10 Year planning period. AWBA's statement concerns the District by that the annual report does not address how AWBA will achieve the M&I firming goal for the TAMA. Secondly, the plan has no identified use for the projected unspent 4 cent ad valorem tax (pages 28 and 34).

The District supports the use of the Shortage Reparation monies in the TAMA (page 29).

Lastly, the District thanks AWBA for supporting local TAMA priorities to firm M&I CAP water supplies only at USFs with recovery capacity (Page 30). The District is investing in developing a recovery system for its CAP water stored at Avra Valley Recharge Project (AVRP). On April 8, 2013, the District's Board of Directors' awarded a contract to HDR Engineering to complete a recovery well and pipeline routing study. The District's FY13/14 budget includes funds for completing the second half of the routing study and testing of potential recovery wells. We support AWBA's 10 Year Plan to continue M&I firming storage at AVRP.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the draft report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Block". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Michael W. Block
Water Resources Manager

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