



June 13, 2016

Ms. Virginia O'Connell, Manager
Arizona Water Banking Authority
1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 310
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Re: Draft AWBA 2015 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). The draft annual report on Page 23 projects that the Ten-Year Plan can reach 85 percent of the M&I firming water goal for the Tucson Active Management Area (AMA) through use of CAP M&I Firming credits, Groundwater Management credits and Pinal Redirect Credits. This is a one percent improvement compared to last year's Ten-Year Plan projection.

On Page 1, fifth paragraph, please insert "draft" before "CAP system use agreement" in the last sentence. The addition will make the sentence consistent with the sentence under Recovery Planning on Page 7.

Should "2003" be "2013 in fourth sentence of the last paragraph on Page 6?

Under Recovery Planning on Page 7, please add Lower Santa Cruz Replenishment Project (LSCR) after Tonopah Recharge Project. CAP staff reported to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board on September 3, 2015 that an evaluation was underway on participating in a recovery option at LSCR through the District's CAP Recharge, Recovery and Delivery System.

Please check the report formatting for Page 13. Figure 3 appears overlain onto Table 5.

The District supports AWBA's staff conclusion of assuming a prolong shortage affecting Excess CAP water in the Ten-Year Plan. Under Water Storage Tax on Page 18, in the second sentence please replace "are" with "have." For the second paragraph on Page 19 under the Groundwater Withdrawal Fees section, consider adding the dollar amount of the FY2016 transfer.

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.

Michael W. Block
Water Resources Manager

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c: Joseph Olsen, MDWID General Manager