July 14, 2017

Bret Parke, Deputy Director  
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
1110 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007  

Re: Triennial Review of State Water Quality Standards

Dear Mr. Parke:

Thank you for your July 11, 2017 letter regarding triennial review of State water quality standards.

Enclosed for your review is Pima County Resolution 2017-50, Affirming Pima County Goals for Protection of Water Quality, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 11, 2017. During the public discussion of this Resolution, a Board member mentioned water quality information supplied by Hudbay Minerals regarding the proposed Rosemont Mine and indicated such information may have been submitted to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

Pima County would appreciate receiving any such information provided to ADEQ by Hudbay.

Sincerely,

C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

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Enclosure  
c: Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator  
Linda Mayro, Director, Sustainability and Conservation
RESOLUTION 2017-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
AFFIRMING PIMA COUNTY GOALS FOR PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA FINDS:

1. Water is essential to life and sacred to many religions;
2. The water cycle connects rainfall, runoff, surface water and ground water;
3. Pollutants entering the water cycle can be passed to other parts of the water cycle;
4. Clean water is essential to human health and the health of the plants and animals on which we depend;
5. Pima County residents rely on water derived from rain, surface runoff, underground aquifers, and the Colorado River;
6. Pima County has a role in managing watersheds and protecting water quality;
7. Local communities can participate in setting state and federal standards for the protection of water quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pima County shall participate in the Triennial Review of surface water quality standards in order to protect human health and the ecosystem functions on which wildlife depend;
2. Staff shall oppose efforts to diminish or remove water quality protections for Cienega Creek, Davidson Canyon, Buehman Canyon, or other Arizona Outstanding Waters;
3. Staff shall manage point source and non-point source pollution to maintain water quality at a level needed to ensure human and wildlife health now and for future generations;

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4. Staff shall consider the connections between activities affecting land and air and surface water and groundwater, in the exercise of their duties.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of July, 2017.

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Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]  
Deputy County Attorney