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.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy County Attorney

TOM WEAVER