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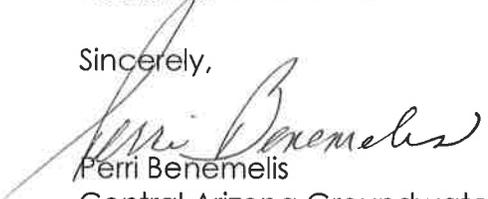
Re: Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District ("CAGRD") and Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District ("YMIDD") Pilot Fallowing Program quantification of 2014 conserved water.

Dear Paul:

The CAGRD and YMIDD have developed a Pilot Rotational Fallowing Program ("Pilot Program") which completed its first full year of operation in 2014. Throughout 2014, CAGRD, YMIDD, Reclamation and the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") have consulted regarding implementation of the Pilot Program, verification of fallowing of enrolled lands and quantification of the forgone consumptive water use.

CAGRD hired Land IQ, to complete a detailed analysis of recent YMIDD crop history and irrigation water use. This analysis resulted in a technical memorandum (enclosed), "YMIDD Crop Mapping and Consumptive Use Estimation, April 2, 2015." This technical memorandum provides support for the quantification of 6,827 acre-feet of forgone consumptive water use in 2014. The conserved water was retained in Lake Mead to help minimize or avoid shortages to water users in Arizona and the Lower Basin. We appreciate the technical guidance provided by both Reclamation and ADWR.

Sincerely,



Perri Benemelis

Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District

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