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Ms. Scantlebury,

Attached is SAHBA's comments regarding the Quartzsite water lease agreement with CAGR. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Arizona Department of Water Resources  
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Dear Ms. Scantlebury:

The Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA), which represents over 375 businesses throughout Southern Arizona, writes in support of the lease agreement between the Town of Quartzsite and CAGR D for the Town's 1,070 AF Colorado River entitlement. This water has not been used by the Town due to the significant cost of building the infrastructure necessary to transfer and treat the water. The transfer of this water, which has historically been diverted as part of the "excess water" pool, would improve the reliability for the CAGR D and provide much needed financial resources to the Town for other water system improvements.

We believe the precedent for such transfers of unused Colorado River entitlements already exists. In the mid-1980's unused Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District Colorado River entitlement was reallocated as part of the Ak Chin Indian Water Rights Settlement and in the early 1990's unused Kingman entitlement was reallocated to the Mohave County Water Authority.

In addition, another key component of this agreement is that the Town will retain ownership of the entitlement. This will allow them to re-evaluate the best way to use this water at the 25 and 50 year marks.

Agreements such as this, which brings addition water to the CAGR D and thereby increasing the reliability of its water supply as the district continues to grow, are essential for Arizona's economic future.

Sincerely,

David Godlewski  
President