

**Q MOUNTAIN MOBILE HOME PARK
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Arizona Department of Water Resources,
Attn: Sharon Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor
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RE: Proposed Lease and Transfer of the Town of Quartzsite's 1,070 acre-feet of Arizona Fourth Priority Colorado River Water Entitlement to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (Proposed Lease and Transfer).

On behalf of the Q Mountain Mobile Home Park Board of Directors, I am submitting comments in opposition to the Proposed Lease and Transfer.

Q Mountain Mobile Home Park dba Q Mountain Vista Water Company ("Company") is a public water system and is a customer interconnected to the Town of Quartzsite ("Town") serving a community with 245 connections and 400 people. The Town Emergency Water Plan identifies the Company as having a "significant" number connections and water usage. The Company's existing interconnection contract expires in 2024 and if this lease is approved will leave the Company vulnerable to an entity that controls a monopoly of a natural resource that may have long term negative impact of the Company's ability to operate as a public water system.

As a public water system interconnected with the Town's drinking water system, it has been our experience that Town Officials are not responsible stewards of the taxpayers' financial or natural resources.

The Town has admittedly misappropriated its Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) to the waste water treatment and infrastructure, and as a result, is in the process of repayment of those funds from their waste water revenue. Therefore, the Town is exploring options to pass on costs to its customers to obtain needed revenue and fund necessary improvements to its waste water infrastructure.

Past leadership of the Town has communicated to me that the Town policy is to minimally treat the drinking water to a level that is barely acceptable to pass Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) standards. Additionally, the Town does not have a recorded policy for maintenance or flushing of the system but rather, the Public Works Water Operator has stated to me he retains the information committed to memory. The Company interconnection to the Town drinking water is on a dead end main line. The adjacent fire hydrant has been flushed once in 5 years that I am aware of and only occurred at the Company's request to facilitate and verify the accuracy of the meter registering the water purchased by the Company. In our opinion the Town does


not practice industry standards to optimize their ability to provide safe and clean drinking water to the community.

It was made abundantly clear to me that the Town struggles with silt in the existing wells causing them to clog and fail to produce water. Additionally, a private well serving a small community on the east side of Town is experiencing the same issue and, a community on the southwest end of Town has experienced issues with keeping their wells productive. Three of the four wells operated by our Company became contaminated, causing us to become interconnected with the Town. For the Town to lease its' water rights with the belief that another well will resolve its water problems is only repeating a failed process.

Water as a natural resource is vital to every existence and to consciously choose to give it away defies common sense. A community leader willing to allow others to take this precious commodity shows a lack of leadership or concern for the community and its future. A 25 year renewable lease is a generational decision that should not be made by a newly appointed Town Manager. This decision has long term impact to community residents that are only infants today.

I strongly urge the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to reconsider this action and urge the Town to explore long term Federal and/or State financing, bonds, grants, etc., to bring this water to the Town. Although monumental, 17 miles and a few million dollars has been conquered by many communities and with focused effort and commitment can be to accomplished by the leaders of this community.

Respectfully,



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