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Gila-San Francisco Water Commission (GSFWC)

RE: Draft Joint Powers Agreement for a New Mexico CAP Entity

Dear GSFWC Members:

On behalf of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of important upcoming deadlines that are critical to achieving our goal to create the New Mexico Central Arizona Project (CAP) Entity (NM CAP Entity). Once created, the NM CAP Entity will enter into the New Mexico Unit Agreement with the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and thereafter will operate in accordance with the 2004 Arizona Water Settlements Act (AWSA) and the Consumptive Use and Forbearance Agreement (CUFA). Under the deadlines mandated by the AWSA, full execution of the New Mexico Unit Agreement by the NM CAP Entity and the Secretary must take place prior to November 24, 2015.

On March 4, 2015 the ISC provided the attorney for the GSFWC with a preliminary draft Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) establishing the NM CAP Entity. Major milestones to complete the JPA and associated deadlines are listed below:

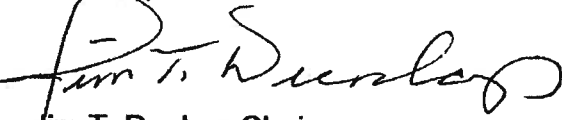
1. ISC Preliminary Draft (revised) JPA uploaded to AWSA Website on or before COB April 27, 2015
2. Comments by Members of GSFWC on the Preliminary Draft JPA provided to ISC by COB May 5, 2015
3. Collaborative discussions, including exchange of additional draft JPAs, between GSFWC and ISC to Develop Final JPA: May 5-20, 2015
4. ISC Approval of Final JPA on or before May 21, 2015
5. GSFWC Members Pass Resolutions of Respective Bodies to Adopt Final JPA: May 21-June 11, 2015
6. GSFWC Members Provide Resolutions of Respective Bodies to ISC by June 15, 2015
7. Final Approvals from State of NM obtained June 15-30, 2015

As we draw closer to developing the final terms of the proposed JPA, we encourage each and every entity who is interested in becoming part of the NM CAP Entity to review the JPA and to provide detailed input and comments to the ISC.

Instructions for communicating your comments on the Preliminary Draft JPA for the NM CAP Entity to the ISC will be provided on the AWSA website at the time of posting of the Preliminary Draft JPA.

Should you have questions regarding this process, please send an email to nm.awsa@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,



Jim T. Dunlap, Chairman
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission