



November 28, 2016

Ms. Virginia O'Connell, Manager
Arizona Water Banking Authority
3550 North Central Avenue, Second Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Re: Support of Draft 2017 Plan of Operation

Dear Ms. O'Connell:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft 2017 Annual Plan of Operation for the Arizona Water Banking Authority (AWBA). Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District (District) supports AWBA's Table 3 in the draft 2017 Plan of Operation. The AWBA has steadily helped contribute towards achieving the CAP M&I Firming goal for the Tucson Active Management Area (TAMA).

On purchase of long-term storage credits, the District is pleased AWBA will be including the location of the credits as a selection criteria. As AWBA knows, wet water recovery is a regional concern within the TAMA for water providers.

Please consider amending "a direct use of the water" in the first sentence under Section IV of Page 8 which is inconsistent with "indirect storage" in the first sentence of the third paragraph on Page 2. The District recommends "a direct use of the water" should be replaced with "in-lieu of using groundwater."

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. Please call me at (520) 575-8100, if you have any questions on the District's comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Block". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael W. Block
Water Resources Manager

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c: Joseph Olsen