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Subject: Suspension of Operations at Tonopah Desert Recharge Project

CAP is notifying customers who hold water storage agreements at Tonopah Desert Recharge Project (TDRP) of its intent to discontinue water deliveries to TDRP. Approximately 810,000 acre feet have been stored at the project from inception through December, 2014. In recent years, there has been a decline in available water and a subsequent decline in interest by customers to store water at TDRP. There are no water orders for underground storage at TDRP in 2015.

The CAP recharge program currently has approximately 300,000 AF/year recharge capacity. TDRP comprises approximately half of that amount. Water orders for CAP's direct recharge projects have been about 90,000 - 100,000 AF/year. CAP's other direct recharge projects have excess capacity available to fulfill water storage orders.

Between 2010 and 2014, Operations and Maintenance for TDRP was \$175,000/year, on average. There will be some continued costs for water level and water quality monitoring but the bulk of the annual O&M costs will be foregone. CAP's Engineering and Maintenance Departments will determine the best actions to take TDRP off-line.

CAP intends to maintain the TDRP in a state that, given a 1-year lead time, the project can be brought back online and available for water storage. In the interim, little or no maintenance activities will occur. Monitoring programs as outlined by ADWR will continue, as required by our Underground Storage Facility Permit. The permit will remain in effect and compliant to facilitate future water deliveries, if needed.

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If there are questions about CAP's plan for TDRP, please contact Patrick Dent at (623) 869-2581 or at pdent@cap-az.com.

Sincerely,



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