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Subject: Regulatory Oversight of the Havasu Water Company Public Water System

Dear Jennifer Hodges:

I am writing to notify you that the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) is in the process of assuming regulatory oversight of the Havasu Water Company Public Water System (PWS) under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) from the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board"). In coordination with the State Board, the EPA recently confirmed that the Havasu Water Company lies wholly within the boundaries of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Reservation. Therefore, EPA is affirming its role as regulator of the Havasu Water Company PWS under the SDWA.

EPA has been coordinating with the State Board to ensure the effective transition of the regulatory oversight of the Havasu Water Company PWS from state to federal supervision. Although this transition may take several months to complete, it is important to note that during the transition the Havasu Water Company PWS is required to comply with all requirements under the SDWA. Effective immediately, please send all required reporting to the State Board and to EPA via datamanager@epa.gov and wan.hong@epa.gov.

EPA would like to convene a meeting with you and the State Board staff regarding this regulatory transition. By November 13, 2023, please contact Emmanuelle Rapicavoli of our Tribal Drinking Water Section at (415) 972-3969 or rapicavoli.emmanuelle@epa.gov to schedule a meeting. In the meantime, if you or your counsel have legal questions related to EPA's regulation of the Havasu Water Company PWS, please contact Alexa Engelman of our Office of Regional Counsel at 415-972-3884 or at engelman.alexa@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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