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Subject: Arizona 2016 CWA Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters

Dear Mr. Baggione:

Thank you for submitting Arizona's 2016 Clean Water Act (CWA) 303(d) List of Impaired Waters (2016 List). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which received the initial submittal on December 27, 2016 and supplemental materials through May 23, 2017, has completed review of the listing package.

This letter summarizes the actions the EPA takes today on the 2016 List based on CWA section 303(d) and the EPA implementing regulations. The legal requirements and the rationale for the actions are enclosed.

1. Approval: The EPA approves all water quality limited segments (WQLSs) and associated pollutants identified by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) as requiring a total maximum daily load under CWA section 303(d).
2. Proposed Additions: The 2016 List did not include several WQLSs meeting federal listing requirements. Consistent with the actions requested in your May 23, 2017 letter, the EPA disapproves the omission of six WQLSs for Apache Lake, Bartlett Lake, Copper Creek and Granite Creek, as specified in Table 4 of the Enclosure, and proposes to add the six WQLSs to the 2016 List pursuant to 40 CFR § 130.7(d)(2). The EPA will solicit public comments on the proposed additions and advise ADEQ of any revision to the proposal per comments received.

ADEQ's public process for developing the 2016 List is consistent with the procedural requirements of CWA section 303(d) and its implementing regulations, including 40 CFR § 130.7(c)(1). The priority WQLS rankings in Appendix G of the 2016 List comport with

40 CFR § 130.7(b) requirements and offer an appropriate framework for ADEQ's future total maximum daily load development.

I value the collaboration between our two agencies and look forward to continuing our partnership to protect Arizona's waters. If you have any questions, please let me know or refer staff to Janet Hashimoto, Manager of the Water Quality Assessment Section, at (415) 972-3452.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical stroke.

Tomás Torres
Director, Water Division

7/26/2017

Enclosure

cc: Krista Osterberg, ADEQ
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