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Board of Supervisors, Pima County

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Re: Resolution 2017 - 50

Dear Supervisors

The Tucson Mountains Association strongly supports the proposed resolution 2017 – 50. Freshwater is a precious natural resource. Unfortunately, it is a much abused natural resource. Both humans and nature are highly dependent on the maintenance of freshwater resources. Maintaining the integrity of water resources, including the streams and groundwater, is also critical for the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. In our arid environment, abuse of water resources is grossly irresponsible. Any attempts to undermine protections on quality or quantity of freshwater resources in Pima County should be vigorously opposed. In the short term, policies should focus on protections and enhancements of existing resources. In the long term, policies should move towards restoration of all streams, rivers and aquifers so that natural flows are restored as far as possible.

Sincerely

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