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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 31, 2023

The Honorable Chair and Members

Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Lesher County Administrator

Re: Additional Information - Request to Withdraw February 7, 2023 Agenda Item #18,

Resolution on Protection of Water Resources

On <u>December 13, 2022</u>, I provided for your consideration a process containing a Resolution to protect County water resources. I subsequently requested the item be continued from the January 10, 2023 meeting to February 7, 2023.

As described in my previous communications, the goal of sustainable aquifer yield remains relevant in light of water supply issues facing the region. However, since Governor Hobbs has initiated efforts on a statewide level, I recommend the Resolution be withdrawn from the February 7, 2023 Agenda until more information on water supply and sustainability is available from State of Arizona and the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

In the interim, the Pima County Water Working Group will continue evaluating opportunities for potential demand reductions and supply augmentation. I have requested that Deputy County Administrator Carmine DeBonis Jr. and Senior Advisor Yves Khawam contact your offices to provide information and discuss options on this topic.

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c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Yves Khawam, PhD, Senior Advisor, County Administrator's Office