

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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November 10, 1982

The Honorable James Watt
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Secretary Watt:

By letter of January 18, 1982 I transmitted to you the State's official recommendations on the allocation of Central Arizona Project water supplies to non-Indian interests. In the allocations to non-Indian agricultural applicants transmitted as Table 3 (copy attached) of the January 18 letter, we recommended allocation percentages for years 1985, 2005, and 2034. The reason for the three period allocation was to recognize as best we could current estimates, district by district, of eligible lands that would convert from agricultural to municipal and industrial use.

In working last week with Tom Clark, General Manager of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, and representatives of the Phoenix office of the Bureau of Reclamation on provisions of the standard sub-contract, we found the three period allocation to non-Indian agricultural applicants difficult to implement and unrealistic in its dependence upon the ability to precisely forecast the location and extent of future urbanization of agricultural lands. For purposes of the sub-contract, we devised the following approach and language to take into account, district by district, actual reductions after year 1985 in the eligible acres remaining in agricultural production, resulting from urbanization or for any other reason.

4.14 Entitlement to Project Agricultural Water.

(a) Commencing with the year this Subcontract becomes effective pursuant to Article 4.2, the Subcontractor's entitlement to water each Year shall be equal to ___ percent of the total supply of Agricultural water available for delivery from the project in the same Year; minus the supply that would have been delivered to eligible lands that have been converted to M&I use or have otherwise been removed from irrigation since execution of the subcontract as determined by the Contracting Officer and calculated on the basis of a uniform delivery per acre to all lands in the Subcontractor's service area eligible to receive an agricultural supply from the Project at the time of execution of this subcontract; plus, ___ percent of the sum of deductions made in all Subcontractor's entitlements to reflect removal of lands from agricultural use.

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Office of Director 255-1554

Administration 255-1550, Water Resources and Flood Control Planning 255-1566, Dam Safety 255-1541,

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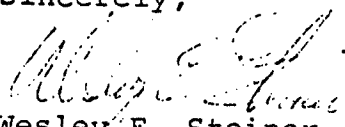
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The 1985 allocation percentage recommended by the State would be inserted in both blanks. The above language was considered by the Central Arizona Water Conservation District during a public meeting on November 4 and without objection was approved by the Board.

Hence, I am writing to amend the State's recommendation as it relates to the allocation of non-Indian agricultural supplies from the Central Arizona Project by striking the year 2005 and 2034 allocations and to request that you base your allocation on the 1985 recommendations of the State, modified in the future by the sub-contract to reflect eligible lands that have actually gone out of production.

Favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Wesley E. Steiner
Director

Attachment

cc: Governor Babbitt
Tom Clark
Bill Plummer
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TABLE 3

Recommended Allocations of CAP Water to
Agricultural Applicants
(percent of available supply)

APPLICANT	ALLOCATION		
	1985	2005	2034
Arcadia Water Company	0.13	0.14	0.15
Avra Valley Association	3.69	3.84	4.21
Central Arizona Irrigation District	18.01	18.73	20.55
Chandler Heights Irrigation District	0.28	0.28	0.30
Cortaro-Marana Irrigation District	2.14	2.05	1.99
FICO	1.39	1.44	1.58
Harquahala Valley Irrigation District	7.67	7.98	8.75
Hohokam Irrigation District	6.36	6.61	7.25
La Croix	0.04	0.04	0.05
Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation District	20.48	21.30	23.35
Marley, Kemper Jr.	0.04	0.04	0.05
McMicken Irrigation District	7.28	5.60	2.61
MCMWCD #1	4.66	3.37	2.88
New Magma Irrigation District	4.34	4.52	4.96
Queen Creek Irrigation District	4.83	4.99	5.42
Rood, W.E.	0.04	0.04	0.05
Roosevelt Irrigation District	2.61	2.72	2.93
RWCD	5.98	5.92	4.84
Salt River Project	2.97	3.05	0.00
San Carlos Irrigation District	4.09	4.25	4.66
San Tan Irrigation District	0.77	0.80	0.86
Tonopah Irrigation District	1.98	2.06	2.26
U.S. Forest Service	0.22	0.23	0.25
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00