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Utilities Division
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Response to Staff's Insufficiency Letter dated November 14, 2006
Docket No. W-01212A-06-0666/W-02451A-06-0666

Dear Ms. Chukwu:

Enclosed please find the responses of Valencia Water Company and Water Utility of Greater Buckeye, Inc. to Staff's Insufficiency Letter dated November 14, 2006 in this docket.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Sabo

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Enclosure
cc: Docket Control

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**Valencia Water Company, Inc. and
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Responses to Staff's First Set of Data Requests
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1. Please provide a copy of the franchise agreement that approves the transfer. If the franchise agreement has not been issued, please inform Staff of the status of the application for the franchise agreement.

Response: Each company, Water Utility of Greater Buckeye, Inc. (WUGB) and Valencia Water Company, Inc. (Valencia) has approved franchise agreements from Maricopa County for its respective service area. It is our understanding that if approval of the transfer of the franchise agreement from WUGB to Valencia is required, it will be administrative in nature. We anticipate no more than 4 months will be required to make application for the change and to obtain approval.

Respondent: Graham Symmonds
Senior Vice President, Operations and Compliance
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2. Please provide a detailed description of the existing **certificated areas**. Please specify the acreage separately for Valencia and Buckeye certificated areas and describe the location of the certificated areas (including proximity to the Town of Buckeye and distance between Valencia and Buckeye certificated areas.

Response: Please see the attached revised Exhibit 4. Valencia's approved CC&N contains approximately 7,480 acres and WUGB contains 4,273 acres. The combined total once the transfer is approved will be 11,753 acres, or just over 18 sections. The distance between Valencia and WUGB certificated areas ranges from approximately 3 – 8 miles, with Valencia being located almost equidistant between the Sun Valley Ranches and Bulfer/Primrose Estates portions of WUGB. The Town of Buckeye and the certificated areas for Valencia and WUGB are also shown on the revised Exhibit 4; you can see that much of Valencia is within the Town's boundaries, with only minor portions of WUGB appear within the Town's boundaries.

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3. According to Exhibits 9 and 10 of the Application, Valencia has one (1) water system and there are four (4) water systems in Buckeye. Please provide the following information related to these **water systems**:
- Please show the location of each water system on a proximity map (Exhibit 4).
 - Please provide a most recent Drinking Water Compliance Report for each water system.
 - According to the information reported in the 2005 Annual Reports for Valencia and Buckeye, the level of arsenic for some wells exceeds the new arsenic standard of 0.01 mg/l. Please explain.
 - The Water systems plant description in Exhibits 9 & 10 do not match plant description reported in the 2005 Annual Reports for Valencia and Buckeye. Please explain.
 - Please state the estimated number of customers expected for each water system in the next five years (this information will enable Commission Staff to perform analysis and determine if each water system has adequate water production and storage capacity to serve the existing base of customers and expected growth within a five-year planning period).

Response:

- Location of each water system

Please refer to the attached revised Exhibit 4.
- Most recent DWS compliance reports ("Reports")

Please refer to the attached Reports from Maricopa County Environmental Services Department (MCESD). For those that list compliance status as "Substantial", WUGB has submitted the required documentation to MCESD but has not yet received revised Reports.

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- Arsenic question

As the ACC is aware, ADEQ enforces the Drinking Water Standards within Arizona and the compliance dates to meet the revised Arsenic standard of 0.01 mg/L are dependent on a number of factors including the specific monitoring schedule established by ADEQ. In Valencia's case, compliance with the more strict standard is required by the end of September 2007, and for WUGB, by the end of December 2007. Both companies are on track to meet the new standard, which involves the design, permitting and construction of treatment systems.

- Changes from 2005 to 2006 water infrastructure descriptions

Attached please find a table which illustrates the changes made in the water systems within approximately the past year. You will see that the changes reflect expansion due to developer activity.

- Customer estimates next five years

Based on recent historical growth patterns, we expect to add 100 customers per month in Valencia and 10 customers per month in the WUGB. As you know, the pace of development dictates this growth, but Valencia and WUGB are committed to working closely with the development community to have the infrastructure ready to meet the developer's schedules.

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ATTACHMENTS

Valencia Water Company		Additions or Changes from 2005 Annual Report					Additions or Changes from 2005 Annual Report	
Storage Tanks	Quantity	Notes	System ID#	Wells	Location	Pump Yield		In Use
785,000	1	Actual size 785K Nominal size 700K	07-078	55-607657	4th & Central	220	Add 20 gpm	yes
500,000	1	No Change	07-078	55-607656	4th & Baseline #1	80	No Change	yes
550,000	1	Construction to start Jan 30,2007	07-078	55-577508	4th & Baseline #2	500	new pump did not change flow	yes
190,000	1	No Change	07-078	55-607658	7th & Alarcon #1	80	No Change	yes
180,000	1	No Change	07-078	55-599950	7th & Alarcon #2	300	Add 50 gpm	yes
100,000	3	No Change	07-078	55-202400	Bales School	300	Estimated from Driller log	First Quarter 07
50,000	3	No Change	07-078	55-201055	Riata West #1	425	Estimated from Driller log	Fourth Quarter 07
35,000	1	used for blending well water to meet quality standards	07-078	55-202399	Riata West #2	525	Estimated from Driller log	Second Quarter 07
			07-078	55-203651	Evergreen #1	300	Estimated from Driller log	First Quarter 08
			07-078	55-203650	Evergreen #2	700	Estimated from Driller log	Fourth Quarter 07
			07-078	55-205450	Evergreen #3	450	Estimated from Driller log	First Quarter 08
			07-078	55-206355	Evergreen #4			Second Quarter 08
			07-078	55-207988	Evergreen #5			Second Quarter 08
			07-078	55-599204	Blue Hills #1	110	Estimated from Driller log	First Quarter 07
			07-078	55592220	Blue Hills #2	350	Estimated from Driller log	First Quarter 08
			07-078	55-203643	Schultz #1			First Quarter 08
			07-078	55-203620	Schultz #2			First Quarter 08
			07-078		Montana Vista			First Quarter 08
			07-078	55-201726	Miller Manor			Undetermined
			07-078	55-595289	AZ Machinery			Undetermined

Water Utility of Greater Buckeye		Additions or Changes from 2005 Annual Report					Additions or Changes from 2005 Annual Report	
Storage Tanks	Quantity	Notes	System ID#	Wells	Location	Pump Yield		In Use
200,000	1	No change	07-732	55-802328	07-195	30	No Change	Yes
200,000	1	No change	07-195	55-802333	07-129	40	No Change	Yes
140,000	1	No change	07-114	55-800947	07-195	300	No Change	Yes
11,000	4	No change	07-129	55-618513	07-114	40	No Change	Yes
5,000	3	No change	07-195	55-572657	07-732	150	No Change	Yes

Water Utility of Greater Buckeye	System ID#
SonoranRidge	07-732
Sun Valley/ Sweetwater #1	07-195
Buifer/Primrose	07-114
Sweetwater #2	07-129
Sun Valley/ Sweetwater #1	07-195





PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT

System Name: Valencia Water
PWS ID#: 07-078

Type of System: Community Number of POE's: 3 Surface Water: n/a
Number of Service Connections: 2835 Population Served: 8505

Assigned Monitoring Dates - Initial: 1/1/94 Phase II: 1/1/94 Phase V: 1/1/94

Does the water system have a Certified Operator? Yes

Does the system have major treatment plant deficiencies? No
Please describe: _____

Date of last inspection: February 14, 2006

Does the system have major O & M deficiencies? Yes
Please describe: _____

Does the system have water quality monitoring/reporting deficiencies? No
Please describe: _____

General Public Water System Compliance Status? Compliant

Date of compliance review: 3/31/06 By: Duncan Wright Initials: DW
Phone: (602) 506-5173

Requested By: Roshka DeWulf & Patten Fax Number/ Contact: 602-256-6800 Tracking Number:

Supervisor Initials: [Signature] Date: 4/6/06



Maricopa County
Environmental Services Department

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT

System Name: WUGB - Sun Valley Ranch
PWS ID#: 07-195

Type of System: Community **Number of EPDS's:** 2 **Surface Water:** N/A
Number of Service Connections: 317 **Population Served:** 983

Assigned Monitoring Dates - Initial: 1/1/98 **Phase II:** 1/1/98 **Phase V:** 1/1/98

Does the water system have a Certified Operator? Yes

Does the system have major treatment plant deficiencies? N/A
Please describe: _____

Date of last Sanitary Survey: December 3, 2003

Does the system have major O & M deficiencies? Minor
Please describe: System has not submitted documentation of corrective action for noted deficiencies during last Sanitary Survey.

Does the system have water quality monitoring/reporting deficiencies? No
Please describe: _____

General Public Water System Compliance Status? Substantial Compliance

Date of compliance review: April 11, 2006 **By:** Doug Taylor R.S. **Initials:** DT
Phone: (602) 606-6631

Requested By: Joyce Goodwin, Paralegal **Fax Number/ Contact:** 602-256-6800 **Tracking Number:** 1115

Supervisor Initials: [Signature] **Date:** 4/11/06



Maricopa County
Environmental Services Department

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT

System Name: WUGB - Bulfer Water Co.
PWS ID#: 07-114

Type of System: Community **Number of EPDS's:** 1 **Surface Water:** N/A
Number of Service Connections: 84 **Population Served:** 260

Assigned Monitoring Dates - Initial: 1/1/95 **Phase II:** 1/1/95 **Phase V:** 1/1/98

Does the water system have a Certified Operator? Yes

Does the system have major treatment plant deficiencies? N/A
Please describe: _____

Date of last Sanitary Survey: December 3, 2003

Does the system have major O & M deficiencies? Minor
Please describe: This Department has not received documentation of corrective action for noted deficiencies.

Does the system have water quality monitoring/reporting deficiencies? No
Please describe: _____

General Public Water System Compliance Status? Substantial Compliance

Date of compliance review: April 10, 2006 **By:** Doug Taylor R.S. **Initials:** _____
Phone: (602) 506-6631

Requested By: Joyce Goodwin, Paralegal **Fax Number/ Contact:** 802-256-6800 **Tracking Number:** 1163

Supervisor Initials: [Signature] **Date:** 4/12/06



Maricopa County
Environmental Services Department

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT

System Name: WUGB - Sweet Water 2
PWS ID#: 07-129

Type of System: Community **Number of EPDS's:** 1 **Surface Water:** N/A
Number of Service Connections: 291 **Population Served:** 94

Assigned Monitoring Dates - Initial: 1/1/95 **Phase II:** 1/1/95 **Phase V:** 1/1/98

Does the water system have a Certified Operator? Yes

Does the system have major treatment plant deficiencies? N/A
Please describe: _____

Date of last Sanitary Survey: July 8, 2004

Does the system have major O & M deficiencies? Minor
Please describe: System has not submitted documentation of corrective action for noted deficiencies during last sanitary survey.

Does the system have water quality monitoring/reporting deficiencies? Yes *Sent public notice dated 4/2/06*
Please describe: System did not perform increased monitoring during October 2055 due to total coliform positive in September 2006.

General Public Water System Compliance Status? Substantial Compliance

Date of compliance review: April 10, 2006 **By:** Doug Taylor R.S. **Initials:** DT
Phone: (602) 506-6631

Requested By: Joyce Goodwin, Paralegal **Fax Number/ Contact:** 602-256-6800 **Tracking Number:** 1114

Supervisor Initials: [Signature] **Date:** 4/10/06

Water Utility of Greater Buckeye

201 E Coronado St.
Buckeye, AZ 85326
(623) 386-4252

April 25, 2006

MCES
1001 N Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Attention: Doug Taylor

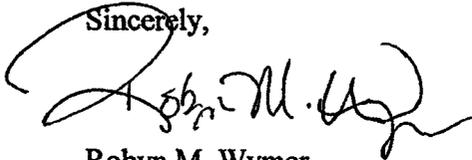
RE: PWS# 07-129 / SWII

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find the Public Notice and the Affidavit for the above water system.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

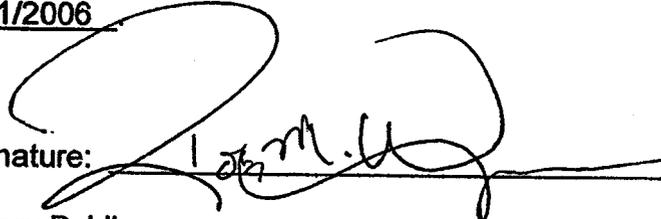
Sincerely,



Robyn M. Wymer
Compliance
Water Utility of Greater Buckeye
robyn@wmcwater.com

Affidavit:

I, Robyn Wymer, certify that the **attached** public notice was provided to the customers of Sweetwater 2 Public Water System Identification # 07-129 by, direct mailing, by, 4/21/2006

Signature:  Date: 4/25/06
Notary Public: _____ Date: _____

Notary Seal:

My Commission Expires: _____

(ATTACH COPY OF PUBLIC NOTICE)

Water Utility of Greater Buckeye

201 E. Coronado St.
Buckeye, AZ 85326

April 21, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

Failure To Monitor

This notice is to inform customers of Sweetwater 2 water system, PWS# 07-129, that the water system failed to perform increased monitoring for Coliform during October 2006, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. The water system is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards.

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Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

The water system, since this date has performed monthly sampling with negative results.

For more information, please contact the office @ 623-386-4252.



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Environmental Services Department

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT

System Name: WUGB - Sonoran Ridge
PWS ID#: 07-732

Type of System: Community Number of EPDS's: 1 Surface Water: N/A
Number of Service Connections: 52 Population Served: 161

Assigned Monitoring Dates - Initial: 1/1/04 Phase II: 1/1/04 Phase V: 1/1/04

Does the water system have a Certified Operator? Yes

Does the system have major treatment plant deficiencies? N/A
Please describe: _____

Date of last Sanitary Survey: December 22, 2005

Does the system have major O & M deficiencies? Minor
Please describe: This Department has not received documentation of corrective action for noted deficiencies during last sanitary survey.

Does the system have water quality monitoring/reporting deficiencies? No
Please describe: _____

General Public Water System Compliance Status? Substantial Compliance

Date of compliance review: April 11, 2006 By: Doug Taylor R.S. Initials: _____
Phone: (602) 506-6631

Requested By: Joyce Goodwin, Paralegal Fax Number/ Contact: 602-256-8800 Tracking Number: 1116

Supervisor Initials: [Signature] Date: 4/12/06



Maricopa County

Environmental Services

Water and Waste
Management Division
Drinking Water Program
1001 N. Central Ave., Suite 250
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-1940
Phone: (602) 506-6666
Fax: (602) 506-6925

September 20, 2006

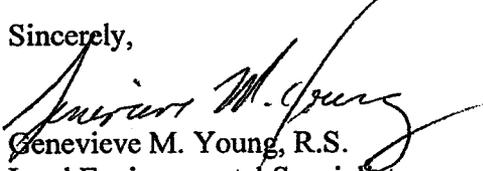
Robert Garcia
Water Utility of Greater Buckeye
201 E. Coronado St.
Buckeye, AZ 85326

Re: Sanitary Survey
PWS 07-732

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Thank you for your letter documenting corrections to the Sonoran Ridge water system. We have noted the actions that you took and have updated our file to show that operation and maintenance for the well site is in full compliance. If you wish to contact me, please call (602) 506-0462 or send email to jyoung@mail.maricopa.gov.

Sincerely,

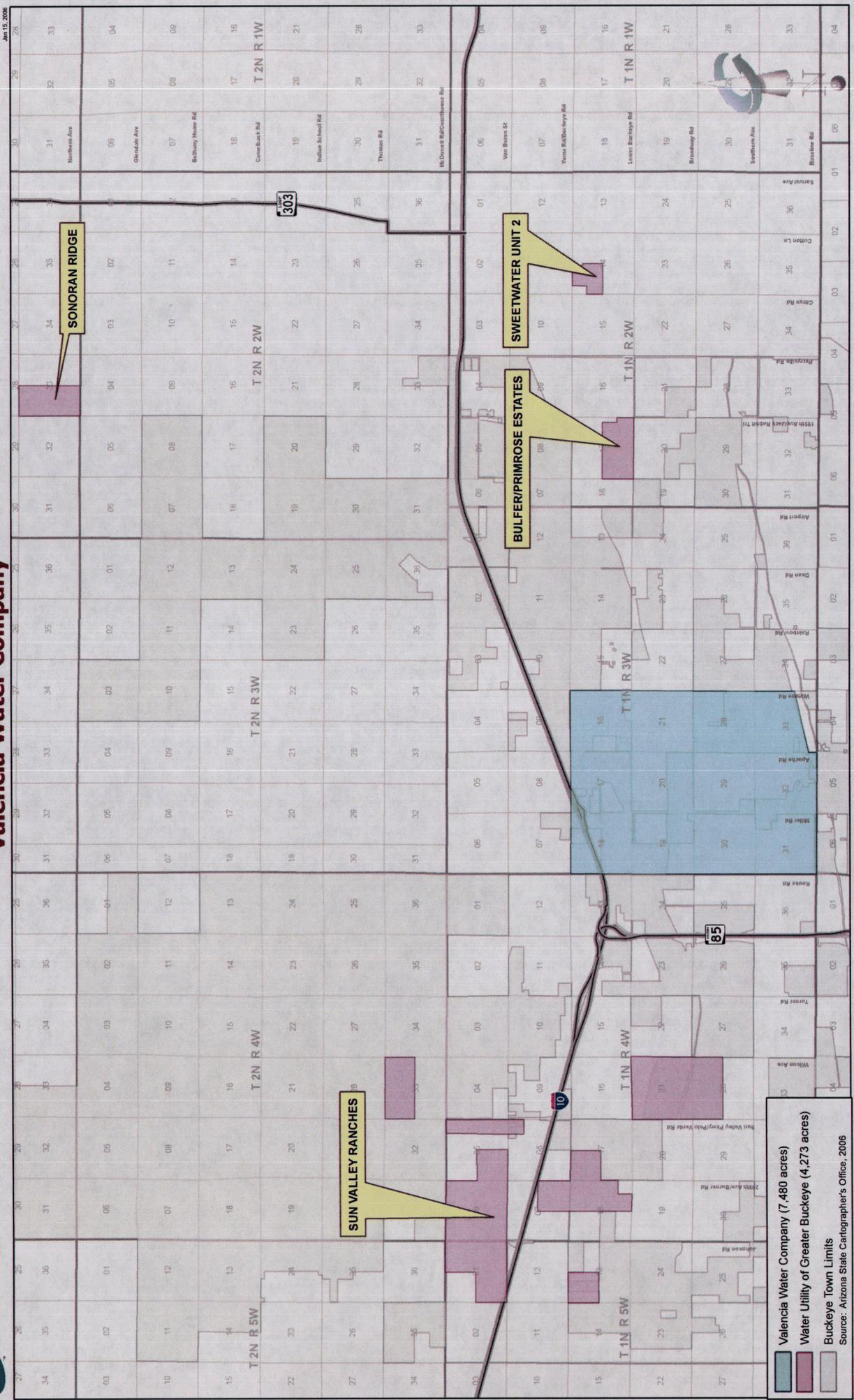

Genevieve M. Young, R.S.
Lead Environmental Specialist
Drinking Water Program

Cc: ADEQ
John Kolman, R.S.





Exhibit 4 - Water Utility of Greater Buckeye & Valencita Water Company



Legend

- Valencita Water Company (7,480 acres)
- Water Utility of Greater Buckeye (4,273 acres)
- Buckeye Town Limits

Source: Arizona State Cartographer's Office, 2006

Jan 12, 2006