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Re: West End Water Co. CC&N Expansion Docket No. W-01157A-05-00706,
Decision No. 69672

Dear Mr. Bozzo:

The above referenced Decision granted by the Arizona Corporation Commission on June 28, 2007 requires West End Water Co. to file with Docket Control several compliance items. Decision 70475 for the same Docket Number granted an extension of time to file copies of the developer's Certificate of Assured Water Supply to be issued by Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Approval to Construct issued by the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department and the Main Extension Agreement as previously ordered in Decision No. 69672.

West End Water Co. has filed with Docket Control the Approval To Construct issued by Maricopa County Environmental Services Department and the Main Extension Agreement.

Due to an expanded request for documentation by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), West End Water Co. respectfully requests an extension to comply with the filing of the Certificate of Assured Water Supply. Due to the unprecedented nature of the request made by ADWR, West End Water Co. is requesting until December 31, 2010 to submit the Certificate of Assured Water Supply.

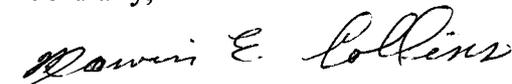
The attached document entitled Walden Ranch Assured Water Supply Discussion and Chronology details the substantial efforts made to date by the developers to obtain a Certificate of Assured Water Supply. The document describes ADWR's changing requirements for groundwater modeling for the Walden Ranch project. Lastly the

document details the substantial additional modeling work requested by ADWR and the extended timeline for its completion due to ADWR requirements.

As noted in the Dec. 11, 2008 entry, ADWR estimates that it will be approximately one year before Walden Ranch will have access to the Hassayampa sub-basin numeric model required to support their Certificate of Assured Water Supply application. Once Walden Ranch gains access to the model, they will need to update the model to include demands for the Walden Ranch project and submit the results to ADWR. It is anticipated that the model preparation and review process needed to issue a Certificate of Assured Water Supply will take an additional year to complete. Accordingly we are requesting a two year extension until December 31, 2010 to submit the Certificate of Assured Water Supply for Walden Ranch.

Please contact me should you need any further documentation or information regarding this request.

Cordially,


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Manager

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Walden Ranch Assured Water Supply Discussion and Chronology

- Sept. 1, 2007 – Developer submitted Assured Water Supply Application to ADWR for Walden Ranch, including the West End Water Co. Expansion Area.
- Jan. 18, 2008 – ADWR issued letter to Developer advising that application was incomplete and requesting a revised hydrogeologic study using a Thwells analytical model.
- May 20, 2008 – Developer filed response to Jan. 18, 2008 letter with ADWR including a revised hydrogeologic study with a Thwells analytical model to prove 100 year physical supply of groundwater.
- July 22, 2008 – ADWR issued letter advising that Thwells analytical model was not an acceptable approach due to complex hydrology and numerous issued Analysis of Assured Water Supply in the Hassayampa basin.
- Aug. 20, 2008 – Developer submitted proposal to satisfy the concerns of ADWR regarding the Thwells analytical model.
- Oct. 15, 2008 – Meeting at ADWR between Developer, Developer's consultant and ADWR to discuss ADWR's concerns and demand to use a Modflow numeric model instead of the Thwells analytical model. ADWR advised that Developer would need to wait for ADWR to complete review of demands in sub-basin prior to completing new numeric model. Developer advised ADWR that change in model requirement at this stage was unfair. ADWR advised that they would stand by their requirement for use of Modflow numeric model.
- Dec. 11, 2008 – Meeting at ADWR between Developer, Developer's consultant, West End Water Co. and ADWR to discuss ADWR position on groundwater modeling for the Walden Ranch application. ADWR advised that they stand by their new requirement for the Developer to complete a Modflow numeric model to support the application for a Certificate of Assured Water Supply for Walden Ranch. ADWR advised that due to the large number of pending applications for Analysis of Assured Water Supply in the Hassayampa sub-basin, the Developer will be required to wait for ADWR to complete review of Modflow model prepared to support those applications before updating and completing their own Modflow model. ADWR advised that they anticipate a 1-year time frame to complete review of the pending applications and associated Modflow model before the model data will be available to the Developer to begin preparation of its required numeric model submittal.