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Chairperson Kristin K. Mayes  
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Re: Belmont CC&N Revocation  
Docket Nos. W-02450A-06-0626 and SW-20422A-06-0566

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Dear Commissioner Mayes:

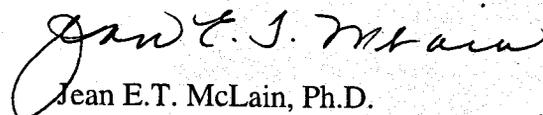
As you know, water resources throughout the state and indeed the country are under tremendous pressure. As such it is imperative that we maximize the availability and use of all forms of water and a key component of that is the acceptance of recycled water as a safe, secure and reliable non-potable water source to offset potable uses. Indeed it is only through matching water quality with its end-use will we be able to achieve resource sustainability in Arizona.

USDA has a concerted recycled water research program that extends beyond agriculture and into the realm of public safety and acceptance of non-potable water sources. To date, USDA's research has proven that recycled water is a safe alternative to potable water for non-potable uses. Maximizing the use of recycled water through distributed recycled water systems will save a significant portion of the water needed to continue to grow Arizona.

Arizona needs innovative resource management strategies such as those developed by Global Water. By taking the long view, and investing in infrastructure and planning well before the growth arrives, recycled water's advantages can be fully exploited. I request that the Commission consider the long-term implications of decisions regarding water resources, and ensure that our future options are not limited by decisions we make today.

I urge you to weigh the long-term water impacts of the Commission's pending recommended opinion and order to revoke Global Water's Belmont CC&N.

Sincerely,

  
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