

**Main Narrative:** *Pinal has established itself as a key part of Arizona's future and its ability to grow smartly and sustainably is essential for the State's continued growth and long-term economic health:*

- Pinal has established itself as an ideal destination for new advanced manufacturing operations as evident by Lucid, Kohler, Nikola, Procter & Gamble, & LG. Each of these major manufacturing operations brings dozens of suppliers (and jobs) to Arizona
- With so many TSMC/Intel suppliers setting up operations, Pinal has a critical role in the chip manufacturing industry that is driving Arizona's future
- Between the chip suppliers and advanced manufacturing, Pinal has become a hub of quality jobs that offer bright career paths for middle-skilled workers
- Pinal offers much greater housing attainability that will play a central role in solving Arizona's affordable housing crisis

**Bullet points for letters of Support from Pinal Partnership members to get the Alternative Designation of Assured Water Supply Rules amendment to apply to the Pinal AMA and not just the Phoenix AMA**

- Pinal AMA has been excluded from ADWR's Alternative Designation of Assured Water Supply Rules Amendment
- Last new Certificate of Assured Water Supply was issued on July 15, 2011
- Last new Assured Water Supply determination of any type issued on August 10, 2015
- Pinal AMA Model released in October of 2019 – effectively stopping all new Assured Water Supply determinations in the Pinal AMA
- Pinal AMA Stakeholder Group and the Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority, at great expense, have successfully resolved unmet demands in the Pinal AMA model; still waiting for acceptance by ADWR
- Phoenix AMA Model released in June of 2023 – effectively stopping all new Assured Water Supply determinations in the Phoenix AMA
- Less than a year later, ADWR proposed the Alternative Designation of Assured Water Supply (ADAWS) as a solution in the Phoenix AMA but did not offer the same solution in the Pinal AMA
- No effort has been made by ADWR to offer any solution to the Pinal AMA even given no new determinations since 2015
- Results of the Pinal AMA Model, and ADWR's inability to accept the updated model results or to develop an ADAWS like solution, have effectively shut the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR) down in the Pinal AMA
- An important way for Pinal AMA to increase its access to renewable water supplies and get benefit from the taxes property owners pay to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) is through replenishment of groundwater by the CAGRDR
- Very important that CAGRDR continues to provide replenishment services in the Pinal AMA
- Pinal AMA must be able to take advantage any and all paths to securing an Assured Water Supply including the ADAWS

## **EXAMPLE LETTER**

[DATE]

Honorable Katie Hobbs  
Governor of Arizona  
Office of the Governor  
1700 W Washington Street  
Phoenix AZ 85007

SUBJ: Exclusion of Pinal Active Management Area from Alternative Designation of Assured Water Supply Rules Amendment

Dear Governor Hobbs:

In reviewing the draft Alternative Designation of Assured Water Supply (ADAWS) rules, it has come to our attention that the proposed ADAWS does not apply in the Pinal AMA. This concerns our organization greatly.

As you are aware, the last Certificate of Assured Water Supply was issued on July 15, 2011, nearly 13 years ago. The last issuance of any type of new Assured Water Supply determination was issued on August 10, 2015. Since October of 2019, landowners and communities in the Pinal AMA have been working with ADWR to resolve unmet demands in the Pinal AMA model which has been accomplished and awaiting approval by ADWR. The Phoenix AMA was informed of a similar issue on June 1, 2023. Less than a year later, ADWR proposed the ADAWS as a solution in the Phoenix AMA but did not offer the same solution in the Pinal AMA.

Any potential options for securing an Assured Water Supply should be made available in the Pinal AMA. We are confounded as to why, after working with ADWR and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to find a solution for Pinal since 2019, a solution would be offered by ADWR to the Phoenix AMA less than a year after the release of the Phoenix AMA model.

Moreover, the Pinal AMA has very little M&I CAP Subcontracts. The only way for property owners in the Pinal AMA to realize any additional direct benefits from the tax dollars it pays to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) is through the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR) offsetting groundwater pumping (i.e. replenishment). The idea that the CAGRDR is not capable of providing such services in the Pinal AMA but can continue to do so in the Phoenix AMA is as unacceptable to us as excluding the Pinal AMA from a potential path forward.

We implore you to work with ADWR to reconsider its decision to exclude the Pinal AMA. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]