

**STATEMENT OF THE MOHAVE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY IN
OPPOSITION TO WIND RIVER RESOURCES APPLICATION TO TRANSFER
WATER
NO. 07A-TR001-DWR**

The Mohave Board of the Mohave County Water Authority has voted to object to the application of Wind River resources, LLC for the transfer of water to Nevada from the Virgin River area in Arizona. Among the reasons for our objection are the following:

- Arizona statutes require that the applicant submit hydrologic studies showing the probable hydrologic impact on the area from which the water will be transported. A.R.S. § 45-292(B)(6). The studies included in this application are not adequate. Most of the information is old, and not specific to this proposed transfer.
- Nevada does not need this water. Local newspapers report that the Virgin Valley Water District has plenty of water and there are no health concerns with Nevada water.
- Virgin Valley Water District has enough surplus water to sell it to the Southern Nevada Water Authority. If so, they surely do not need to take Arizona's water.
- Beaver Dam, Littlefield and Scenic are growing rapidly. There is a limited water supply. The people that live in the area need the water to continue to serve existing residents and for future demands.
- The water in Beaver Dam Wash is unusually pure and good quality. We are concerned that if this good water is taken away to Nevada, the local water quality will degrade. This issue does not appear to be addressed in the Wind River Resources, LLC application.
- Taking water from Beaver Dam Wash will in all likelihood dry up the wash at the confluence with the Virgin River (again inadequate studies have been submitted). This will negatively impact the beauty and lifestyle of the Beaver Dam and Littlefield areas with no corresponding benefit.
- Water taken from the area should be used in the area, so that return flow will mitigate the impact to the wash.
- We are concerned that the Virgin Valley Water District intends to take clean water from Beaver Dam Wash and return water that is blended to reduce arsenic, or that is treated wastewater. Either way, the water coming back will not be as good of quality as the water going out. This is an unreasonable negative impact on Arizona and Mohave County.
- Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano appointed a Statewide Water Advisory Group (SWAG) which has been meeting for months to address the shortage of water in rural Arizona and Mohave County was identified by that group as one of the most critical areas in the state for many reasons one of which was the concern that new uses would undercut the water supplies of existing users. This application would only serve to make that impact worse.

We urge the denial of the Wind River application for the reasons stated above.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Griffin
MCWA Chairman

cc: MCWA Members

