November 4, 2019

SWQMWG Members

RE: Northern Gila County Sanitary District
208 Amendment to CAG Regional Water Quality Management Plan

Dear Members,

The Northern Gila County Sanitary District (NGCSD) requested an Amendment to the CAG Regional Plan back in 2017. During the ensuing time both NGCSD and CAG have been through some organizational transitions.

More time than either organization would have anticipated or preferred has elapsed in the effort to finalize this document. However, the NGCSD was well ahead of the need of the planned expansion the Amendment covers and therefore was not hindered in their operation by the delay in the development and approval process of the Amendment document.

The concepts in the document are fairly simple. The proposal covers fully constructed improvements and capacity expansions of the treatment facility and documentation of the long standing Designated Management Authority boundary. The NGCSD has been recognized as a DMA since the writing of the 1994 CAG Regional Plan but no plan document could be located at the state, at CAG, or at NGCSD itself.

I have provided a separate map of the district as an attachment for your convenience in viewing during the SWQMWG meeting.

No opposing comments have been received by any stakeholders in the region. By all accounts the District operates at the highest standards. After a Public Hearing the EPC recommended on February 12, 2019 that the Amendment be sent to the Management Committee for review on March 7, 2019 which then sent the Amendment to the Regional Council for their approval. Regional Council approved the Amendment on March 27, 2019. We ask that you approve this Amendment as consistent with the goals of the CAG Water Quality Management Plan and those of the State of Arizona.

Respectfully,

Alan Urban
Designated Planning Agency Administrator